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SANDY SKIPS OVER THE COLLEGE



JESSICA MUNYON

A sunny day followed the College's warning for students to remain inside due to dangerous weather caused by Hurricane Sandy. The storm caused destruction across New England. The College closed from 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29 to 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 in preparation for the storm's coming.

College closes due to storm

By Jess Berry

On Oct. 29, Vice President for Academic Affairs Timothy Spears sent out an email to the entire college community to announce that the College would close from 3 p.m. that day until 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, due to predicted inclement weather caused by Hurricane Sandy.

All classes, lectures, events, meetings and athletic practices were cancelled from 2:45 p.m. onward. Dining halls remained open, and would have run on generators if necessary, despite the conditions.

"Sustained winds of 30 to 36 mph, with gusts as high as 60 mph, will create unsafe conditions for all forms of outdoor ac-

tivity," wrote Spears in the email. "Students are urged to exercise extreme caution, and venture outdoors only when absolutely necessary."

Earlier in the afternoon, Public Safety sent out an all-campus email to remind the college community of the proper procedure if the campus were to sustain a power outage of longer than 30 minutes. At that point, all card access controlled buildings lock, except for residence halls card readers, which continue to run on battery back-up.

On Tuesday at 6 a.m., normal college operations resumed.

The College was fortunate in that no damage was sustained during the storm. Barring a brief period of heavy rain and some

wind, the storm barely hit the campus. On Tuesday, the day after the College's warning, skies were blue. Some gusting winds were the only reminders of Hurricane Sandy's passing.

Other states were not as fortunate. CNN reported that damage was sustained across the Northeast. At least 11 are dead, with two of those people being children. One was only eight years old.

Large sections of the Atlantic City boardwalk in New Jersey were destroyed, and images of a flooded downtown Manhattan are posted on all major online news sources.

The Red Cross told CNN that almost 11,000 people spent Monday night in 258 Red Cross-operated shelters across 16 states.

College tries five in hearing today

By Bronwyn Oatley

This afternoon at 3 p.m. in Dana Auditorium, the five students charged by the College for their involvement in the distribution of a mock press release on Oct. 12 will go before the community judicial board — the College's first public hearing in over five years.

Four of the students, Molly Stuart '15.5, Jay Saper '13, Sam Koplinka-Loehr '13 and Amitai Ben-Abba '15.5, will be present at the hearing. Jenny Marks '14.5, who is currently volunteering at an urban farm in New Orleans, will participate in the hearing via telephone.

The five students are charged with violations to the College Handbook for their respective roles in the dissemination of a mock press release. Sent to hundreds of students, faculty and staff and a selection of local press, they claimed that the College had decided to divest from arms and fossil fuels in honor of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's visit to campus nearly one month ago.

The students of the self-titled "Dalai Lama Welcoming Committee" (DLWC) face charges for alleged violations to two separate sections of the College's Handbook policy: "communicating with honesty and integrity" under the General Conduct section of Student Life Policies and "ethical and law abiding behavior" and "respect for others" under the Responsible Use of Computing Resources and Network Infrastructure policy.

The hearing will occur in Dana Auditorium — the College's largest auditorium on campus, containing 272 seats.

According to Karen Guttentag, associate dean for judicial affairs and student life, the space was se-

lected in order to balance two essential ingredients.

"In planning an open hearing my consideration is how can we honor the intention of the policy to allow a reasonable number of people to be in the audience and observe, while still having a space that allows the board not to be unduly distracted by the audience," she said.

The five students will go before the eight-member Community Judicial Board (CJB), comprised of one commons dean, one staff member, two faculty members and four students. The chair of the board will either be Sue Levine, assistant director of alumni and parent programs, or Hudson Cavanaugh '14.

STUDENTS REACT

In an interview with the *Campus*, the five students explained that they hope many members of the college community would attend the hearing.

"This is a public issue. It's important to remember that this is a political hearing," said Ben-Abba. "It's not about us, it's about a bigger issue — and that's the issue of Middlebury's endowment being invested in the destruction of people and the earth."

"Since we have nothing to hide, we want as many people to come and be affected by the hearing, and have a Middlebury community that stands up to its values," he said.

Not all community members viewed the student's action in the same way.

In lengthy debates in the Student Government Association (SGA) meetings, senators have been divided on their support for the students' actions.

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GlobeMed hosts first Hilltop event

By Sam Simas

This past weekend, the College hosted over 14 global health professionals as part of the annual GlobeMed Hilltop conference during which students, health-care professionals, professors and community members gathered to discuss global healthcare in the context of sustainability and connectivity, which the College's GlobeMed chapter selected as themes.

"This conference was an opportunity for college students to connect with and be inspired by mentors in the field, and it was an opportunity for the mentors to cultivate passion in the next generation," wrote Pamela Berenbaum, a visiting lecturer in the sociology/anthropology department and the faculty advisor for the club in an email.

The weekend featured five keynote addresses and several small breakout sessions among participants intended to foster discussion and exchange of ideas. Friday began with a keynote address by Dr. Rishi Rattan of Physicians for Haiti who spoke about sustainable interventions and the relationship between the environment and health. Saturday began with breakout sessions on outreach in Central America, tuberculosis, social entrepreneurship and food charity, among other topics. The day concluded with speeches by Dr. David Egilman and Dr. Hiba Salih on the role of students in the global health movement and by Dr. Michael Rich on health strengthening systems and creating sustainable preferential options for the poor. The weekend

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STUDENTS GET CREEPY IN MCCULLOUGH



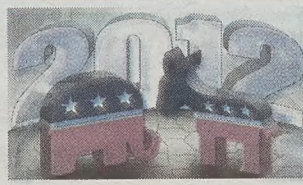
GABY FUENTES

Students attended a dance in the McCullough Social Space as the culminating event of the Commons Creep on Saturday, Oct. 27. All five of the commons participated, with the events ranging from a firepit for smores and a photoshoot to slam poetry and a haunted house in the basement of Battell Hall.

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BEYOND THE BUBBLE

BY DANNY ZHANG

Myanmar, also known as Burma, has been in the news this year for its progress in democratization. Since 1989, the Southeast Asian nation of 60 million has been ruled by a military junta. The military crushed popular protests in 1988 and refused to honor the results of elections held two years later.

Recognized for her charisma and courage worldwide, Aung San Suu Kyi is the leader of the movement against the oppressive military rule in Myanmar and is the Nobel Peace Laureate of 1991. The junta had contained her to house arrest for 20 years before freeing her in November 2010.

Earlier this year, Aung San Suu Kyi and her political party, the National League for Democracy, were allowed to compete in parliamentary elections. The latest round of elections came under intense international observation and was seen as a legitimate sign of liberalization of Myanmar's military rule.

Aung San Suu Kyi's party won almost all of the parliamentary seats up for election and thus became the official leader of the opposition.

Beginning in June, however, ethnic violence between Muslims and Buddhists in the country has cast a dark shadow over Myanmar's political reforms. In the northern state of Rakhine, which shares an international border with Bangladesh, the fighting between Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims has displaced almost 100,000 people in the last four months.

Violence began in the aftermath of the raping and murder of a Buddhist woman in May by a group of Muslim men. The Buddhists took revenge for the murder, attacking buses carrying Muslims and burning down houses. Many refugees attempted to flee to Bangladesh, which sealed its border in June on the claim that it already had hundreds of thousands of refugees in its territory.

After a summer of relative calm, violence broke out again about two weeks ago, triggering yet another flow of Rohingya refugees numbering at least 22,000. Most of the refugees went to Thechaung camp, which is already filled with people displaced from the first bout of violence in June. Others took refuge on boats, islands and hilltops. According to the Myanmar government, 112 people have been killed in the latest round of violence.

The U.N. and non-governmental humanitarian organizations have been closely following the situation. They say that nearly 5,000 homes have been destroyed and more than 66,000 people have been given food supplies by the U.N. World Food Programme.

"The situation is certainly very grave and we are working with the government to provide urgent aid to these people," said Ashok Nigam, the U.N. resident and humanitarian coordinator in Myanmar.

The Rohingya Muslims are essentially a stateless group. They are not considered Burmese citizens by the government and are seen by the regime and the general public as invaders from Bangladesh who have no right to reside on Burmese land. On the other hand, Bangladesh also refuses to recognize the group as national citizens.

Night curfews have been put in place by the government in an attempt to curb the violence. The country's president, Thein Sein, also called for more security in the region. Back in August, Sein created a commission to examine solutions to the ethnic tensions in the Rakhine state.

Still, human rights groups are pushing both Myanmar and Bangladesh to do more to help refugees and broker a peace settlement between the Buddhists and Muslims. So far, Aung San Suu Kyi has largely remained out of the spotlight on the issue.

Task force aims to improve community

By Isabelle Dietz

On Oct. 22 Dean of Students Katy Smith Abbott sent an all-student email inviting students to participate in the new Community Working Group. In her email, Smith Abbott explained that the decision to form this group — which will be comprised of students, faculty and staff — is a result of a recommendation from the 2011-2012 Task Force on Alcohol and Social Life, of which Smith Abbott served as co-chair. The group will consider a social honor code, a "Community Renewal program" and other topics dealing with community standards. Interested students were encouraged to reply with their name, class year and a brief explanation of why they hoped to participate.

According to Smith Abbott, many students have demonstrated interest in participating in the group. While the size and membership of the group has not yet been finalized, she hopes the group will begin meeting in early November.

The 2011-2012 Task Force on Alcohol and Social Life, which was convened in response to a 2010 alcohol survey administered by the College, submitted a final report with over 40 recommendations to the office of the president and the dean of students at the end of last year. The final report, which addresses alcohol use on campus and its effects on the community, can be accessed through Dean of the College Shirley Collado's blog, *One Dean's View*.

The "community" section of the final

report begins, "Our work has suggested that the culture of drinking at Middlebury College is intimately tied to the strength of community within and among the students, faculty and staff. Consequently, fostering responsibility towards, and understanding of, other members of the community may be effective in mitigating excessive alcohol consumption and the linked negative behaviors."

According to Smith Abbott, this perceived problem with the community, and not necessarily with alcohol, brought up an unexpected point for members of the Task Force.

"It was striking that it was a consistent theme, from first years to seniors," said Smith Abbott. "It felt like a really critical piece to hold on to, to see what we might come up with as new or better approaches to what we're doing."

However, the Task Force was charged with dealing with problems arising from alcohol and its impact on the community, and didn't have enough time to also look at problems with the community as a whole.

"It was as if we were dealing with the symptoms of the disease, but preventative measures also needed to be addressed," said Brainerd Commons Residential Advisor Nial Rele '12, who was a member of the Task Force last year. "In our conversations we realized we'd often talk about the larger problem of community building at Middlebury, and though we thought these were important discussions to have they didn't

relate directly with our charge."

One of the ways the Task Force recommended dealing with this problem was by creating a Community Working Group as a space where students, staff and faculty could all come together to look specifically at community-building problems at the College.

The Task Force's final report states, "The Task Force strongly recommends the implementation of a year-long working group including student, staff, and faculty that is focused on the question of Community and the viability of a social honor code or community renewal model."

Some of the issues discussed within this group will coincide with those discussed in the Community Council, which deals with nonacademic community issues at Middlebury.

"I'm really excited for this group's thoughts and input and to work in conjunction with them this year," said recently elected co-chair of Community Council Barrett Smith '13, who ran for his current position on a platform that included a proposed social honor code.

Students seemed interested in the idea of a social honor code, but wanted to hear more details before forming definite opinions.

"I support the idea of extending the honor code beyond academics into social life, but I don't yet understand how the policy would be structured or implemented," said Carolyn Johnson '15.

College hosts first open trial in five years

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"During our last two meetings, the SGA Senate have rendered what amounts to a split decision on this issue," SGA President Charlie Arnowitz explained in an email.

"On the one hand, we almost unanimously agreed that it is important to us, as representatives of the student body, that [the College's] endowment be invested in a manner consistent with our community values."

"At the same time, most members also agreed that the methods used in this case may not have been the most effective ones to achieve that result, and in a sense may have been counterproductive," added Arnowitz.

Stuart and Saper explained that part of the intention behind their action was to generate interest and energy on campus.

"We feel like there is great energy to change ... It is out of our respect for this institution — respect for its values and its mission — and our respect for one another, that we can use a form of satire to engage people critically in dialogue, [encouraging them] to really live up to our college's vision of what we can be," said Saper.

THE PROCEDURE

While waiting for the CJB to convene, the four students of the DLWC in attendance at the hearing will wait together in a room separated from the convening crowd in Dana Auditorium.

Upon entering the auditorium, each member of the CJB will receive a packet of materials containing evidence collected during the College's investigation into the students' actions.

Under normal circumstances, the members of the CJB know very little about the case, as the College makes every effort to be discreet in the event of private hearings. In this case however, CJB members will likely be aware of some of the details of the case, as a result of the press the issue has received from local media outlets *Vermont Digger*, *VPR* and *Seven Days*.

At 3 p.m. Karen Guttentag, serving as the judicial affairs officer, will convene the hearing.

The five students will be invited to give opening statements that are unrestricted in content of length. Members of the board are then permitted to ask questions of the student respondents.

Following the initial questioning, witnesses will be called to testify and answer questions posed both by members of the board and the student respondents. Each

of the student respondents will then be permitted to call upon a character witness. The proceedings come to a close with final statements by each of the students.

In this hearing, it may be also important to highlight a clause within the Handbook related to the cordiality of the proceedings. The policy explains that if the hearing is interrupted by audience members, "the judicial body may close the meeting to the general community."

While uncommon, such an incident occurred at the last open judicial hearing, requiring the CJB to conclude the proceedings behind closed doors.

In the event of such an incident, the student respondents and the complainant (in this case, representatives of the College) may each select two members of the audience as observers.

STAFF AND FACULTY RESPONSE

During the hearing, the students will be joined by faculty advisors Tara Affolter, visiting assistant professor of education studies, Laurie Essig, associate professor of sociology and women's and gender studies and Mike Olenick, professor of mathematics.

Each of these professors were members of a group of 17 faculty who publicly declared their support for the students last week in an open letter to the College community that was posted on the *Campus* website and on MiddNotes.

"We the undersigned would like to publicly share our support with the students for pushing all of us to put our money where our mouths and our values are," they wrote in the letter.

"We also want to applaud them for highlighting the power of a liberal arts education in producing critically engaged citizens."

Mirroring the division amongst members of the student body, some staff members have voiced concerns about the action taken by the students.

In a General Assembly held by the DLWC on Oct. 26, in which the students sought to provide a space for community discussion, the one staff member in attendance explained that some of her colleagues were "turned off" by the student's tactic, though they were broadly supportive of the divestment movement.

Relaying the sentiments of one her colleagues, yet speaking solely as concerned member of the community, Brenda Ellis, research and instruction librarian, explained, "If you want to question how our

endowment is invested because you don't think it reflects our values, then you can't use tactics that break our values."

In expressing her personal opinion, Ellis stated, "I won't support something, however good intentioned, if the tactics go against my values, even though I believe in trying to change our endowment and respect and admire what the students were trying to accomplish."

SENTENCING

Following the conclusion of the hearing, the members of the board will deliberate behind closed doors.

If all eight members of the CJB are present in the deliberations (as should be the case, unless extenuating circumstances intervene) a quorum of at least seven members of the board must find the students to be guilty "based on a preponderance of the evidence" in order for a sentence to be passed.

If the respondents are found guilty, the CJB will then decide upon a sanction.

According to the handbook, "Sanctions for non-academic conduct violations are assigned to meet any of several goals: to deter conduct that is harmful; to cultivate an awareness of responsibility and accountability to self and others; to make amends to harmed parties as appropriate; and to encourage education and growth."

In nonacademic cases, sanctions can include fines, warnings (verbal or written), letters of reprimand, probationary status, suspension or expulsion.

Suspensions can be imposed for any length of time, but are normally not given for longer than one and a half academic years.

If, however, a suspension is handed down for longer than a four week period, students are required for apply for readmission to the College through the Administration Committee, and must "demonstrate a willingness to return to Middlebury," according to the handbook.

In the event that the students are sentenced to a term that would prevent them from being able to complete their semester, they would not be refunded their comprehensive fee.

If the students are found not guilty, then all record of the charges and the hearing will be wiped from their permanent files.

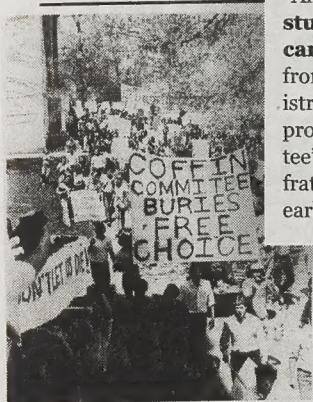
Given the novelty of the public hearing and the utilization of Dana Auditorium to conduct the proceedings, students and administrators alike expect a substantial community turnout.

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CONTROVERSY+CONFLICT

Student activism
from the archives

SUMMER, 1978



FILE PHOTO, SCOTT KISSENGER

"An estimated **500 to 600 students** marched across campus and later rallied in front of Old Chapel Administrative Offices on May 16 to protest the Coffrin Committee's recommendation to end fraternity dining, possibly as early as 1980-81."

SUMMER, 1972

"The petition they carried to Washington bearing more than **1,100 signatures**, read 'We the undersigned members of the Middlebury College administration, faculty, staff, student body, and the Middlebury Community condemn the blockade and bombing of North Vietnam and the continuing involvement of the United States in the way in Indochina.' [a counter petition, pledging 'respect and support for the United States Government' garnered only 125 signatures]"

"On Monday night, May 8th, President Nixon announced his new negotiating proposals to North Vietnam and the U.S. interdiction of supplies to that nation by mining Haiphong harbor and cutting rail links with China... An emergency meeting was called for Tuesday night in Proctor Lounge to decide what actions members of the College community might undertake to signal their opposition to those steps. At 10:45 that night, after the meeting which had been attended by about 200 students and a half-dozen faculty, some 150 of the students decided to shut down the offices of Army ROTC, which are in Adirondack House, by **occupying a portion of the building.**"

SEPTEMBER 23, 1971

"The **Radical Education Action Project** was formed last winter by a few students who wanted to revive the anti-war movement at Middlebury and introduce radical perspectives on a wide range of issues in war. The group began as a response to the inactivity and indifference that developed on campus in the aftermath of a brief frizzed period of political activity in May 1970."

"Approximately thirty-five students participated last Friday in a demonstration in front of Old Chapel calling for reversal of the decision to deny tenure to R. Bruce Carroll. Associate Professor of Political Science. Sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee for Tenure Reform, the demonstration consisted of a two hour protest **march around the administration building.** The students involved carried picket signs demanding reform of the college's tenure policy as well as the reinstatement of Dr. Carroll."

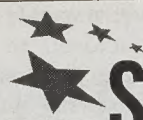
MAY 23, 1968



GRAPHIC BY IAN STEWART

APRIL 24, 1981

"Arguing that a 'moral stand' must be taken against the South African government's practice of apartheid, faculty members overwhelmingly passed a motion urging the Board of Trustees to **withdraw the College's investments in companies with affiliates in South Africa.**"



SGA UPDATE

Senators discuss students' rights to free speech

By Ben Anderson

In response to the Dalai Lama Welcoming Committee's (DLWC) email, in which students sent out a mock press release to hundreds of students, faculty and staff claiming the College decided to divest from arms and fossil fuels in light of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's visit, Community Council Co-Chair Barrett Smith '13 and Student Government Association (SGA) Senator Anna Shireman-Grabowski '15.5 presented a resolution asking the administration to invest its money in ways that reflect its mission at the Oct. 21 meeting of the SGA.

"Though we don't have the final authority to control where our money goes," Smith argued, "we have this opportunity to act as a megaphone for the student body in addressing the administration."

The bill was met with mixed opinions, with many of the senators questioning the effectiveness of such a resolution.

"I don't think the purpose of the endowment is to represent us as a body," said Senator Rachel Liddell '15.5, one of the senators who ultimately voted against the resolution. "I see it as a possibility for the College to generate wealth. I support this bill in spirit but I want to open the idea that [divestment] isn't this easy."

The writers of the resolution and its supporters pointed out that the College has very clear language in its carbon neutrality pledge that states it will seek out opportunities to invest its money in green initiatives.

A large part of the endowment is invested by the company Investure, and the details of the investment are not made available to the public. Investure delegates portions of the endowment to investment managers, who are free to invest the money in a way that they believe to be the most efficient.

A few of the senators cited the work the student group Students for Responsible Investment (SRI) has done to address this issue. They pointed out that, although the

issue is more complicated than simply pulling money out of "bad companies," the College and Investure have the ability to put up screens on parts or all of the investment to ensure that the money does not go to certain companies, or that it does go to specific companies.

In the end, the resolution passed with 14 votes for, one against and one abstention.

The Oct. 28 meeting of the SGA opened with a presentation by Peter Mattson '14, the SGA treasurer and chair of the finance committee. Mattson outlined the current SGA budget and the plans for the finance committee in the coming year. Financial commitments for the year exceed the money generated by the student activity fee — the fund's main source of revenue — by about \$100,000, a sum that will be taken instead from the SGA reserve fund.

This has been a steep drop in the reserve fund and both Mattson and SGA President Charlie Arnowitz '13 have been working hard to address these financial issues. Some of their proposed solutions are to talk with the administration about shouldering some expenses, such as paying for mid-night breakfast, increasing the student activity fee and reforming guidelines on how student organizations can spend money.

After this, the issue of the DLWC returned to the Senate floor with another resolution from Smith and Shireman-Grabowski. This resolution, titled, "The Resolution in Support of Student Free Speech," contained stark language citing general support for students' free speech, as well as support for the actions of the DLWC. The authors of the resolution pointed out that the issue went beyond questions of the endowment, as the College has repeatedly received low ratings from civil rights groups on its history of handling students' free speech.

Arnowitz offered his general support for the issue of free speech, but ultimately did not support the resolution.

"We share a common goal of making

our endowment more ethical, and I feel this bill undermines the progress made by groups such as SRI through legitimate channels," said Arnowitz. "I don't think it is the place of the SGA to be supporting lying and fraud."

Both authors of this resolution pointed out repeatedly that no official judicial ruling had been made about the actions and because of this, it is not appropriate to label the email as fraud. A friendly amendment to the resolution was accepted that changed the language in the bill to general support for free speech, removing any direct mention of the DLWC.

Senator Will Potter '14.5 spoke to the compromise of the group.

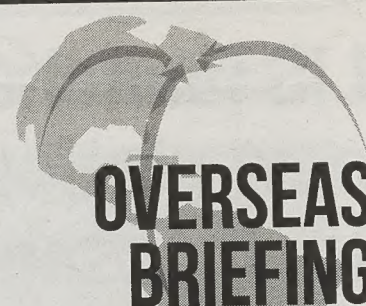
"Free speech is the opportunity to speak freely, not the ability to lie and take away others' right to speak," said Potter.

Even after the language was removed, much of the meeting's discussion centered around the DLWC. Some of the senators cited support for the group's ideas but questioned their possibly illegitimate use of a widespread email.

"Soon after the email went out, posters were put up in dining halls outlining the group's beliefs and they weren't censored," said Liddell. "I think we can understand the College's decision to limit student access to all-student emails, so why don't students express themselves through legitimate means?"

The bill eventually failed with two votes for, 12 votes against and two abstentions. Senator Nathan Arnosti '13, who voted against the bill, explained that he was concerned with how much the bill needed to be edited.

"Many bills fail before they pass," said Arnosti. "We seem to be trying to change this bill so much that it is becoming a new bill. Perhaps if the authors revisited their language, they could bring to the Senate floor a bill that would receive much more support."



OVERSEAS BRIEFING

BY RACHEL SIDER '14

Amman, Jordan

For as long as I can remember I have always loved taking public transportation. As a child I loved swiping my plastic fare card during family trips to the Big Apple. When in Washington, D.C., I worked to memorize the rainbow tangle of the metro system, as it granted me access to an exciting world of fast moving trains, map deciphering and endless people-watching.

It was only natural then that I made it a goal at the beginning of the semester to figure out the bus system in Amman, and to use public transit instead of relying on taxis to get everywhere.

But to be perfectly honest, I really had no idea what I was getting myself into. I soon discovered that there really is no bus "system."

It's not like Washington, D.C. or Atlanta or Austin or even my hometown of Fort Wayne where websites offer colorful guides and passenger information on local courses. There's no centralized map of the city's routes, nor is there a record of what is and isn't reachable by bus.

Buses also aren't labeled with the name of the routes. Instead, drivers pull up alongside the curb and the fare collector jumps off, shouting the name of the direction and corralling passengers aboard before the bus lurches onward toward its next stop.

After a few weeks of avoiding public transit entirely, I forced myself out of my comfort zone. One day on the way home from school, I decided that I would take the bus.

As I waited anxiously outside the University of Jordan gates, I must have asked a dozen drivers how to get to my neighborhood; each one told me that no buses passed by Um Utheina. "How convenient," I thought.

Finally, one driver ushered me onto his bus and assured me that by getting off at the second stop I'd be within walking distance of my house.

Stop after stop passed, and I finally hopped off at the traffic circle only to realize that I was *farther* away from my house than I was when I had begun.

Much to my chagrin, I took a taxi.

Though, remembering the goal that I had set for myself at the beginning of the semester, I refused to accept defeat. I settled on a new strategy: maybe it would be easier if I tried taking the bus to the University in the morning. Waking up an hour earlier one Sunday, I waited patiently at the circle where my host father assured me a big yellow bus would stop on its way to UJ.

I waited for 45 minutes without any luck.

Every morning of that next week I spent hours waiting at various spots along the route to the University hoping to get lucky, but I never actually found a bus stop. I would arrive at school sweating, with my hair in a tangled mess and my feet aching from waiting for so long.

"What the heck?" I wondered. "Did I just not understand correctly? How could something so simple back home be so confusing here?"

Getting a grip on transportation here has been a pretty comical and bizarre experience, especially because every time I inquire about routes, I get an answer that contradicts the previous one. Even though I still haven't achieved my goal of mastering the system, the experience has helped me discover that many of my assumptions — both about public transportation and other aspects of daily life — must be completely discarded in Jordan.

With this realization in mind, I have decided to adopt a new attitude and a new approach — I now plan to spend a day riding the buses, wherever they go. I'll chat with locals, map the routes and explore the city. By doing so, I hope to finally learn how to fully utilize public transportation in Amman, and just as importantly, to grow in my understanding of the people — and the city — in the process.

LIS launches new platform for messages

By Kelsey Collins

On Monday, Oct. 29 Library and Information Services (LIS) announced the launch of a new online discussion board.

The online forum is intended to serve as a way for the campus to communicate through a less formal medium than all-school emails. The forum allows for members of the college community to create topics and add comments to online conversations.

The College has been experimenting with new forms of all-school communication over the past year. In the past, it was possible for students to simply hit "reply all" to emails sent to the college community, allowing students the capability to send emails to over 5,000 recipients.

In 2009, the College implemented policies requiring students, faculty and administrators to obtain permission before sending out emails to the large all-campus distribution lists. LIS later enacted technological restrictions to prevent all-school emails.

Despite these restrictions, some groups — such as participants in the Hunt and more recently, members of the Dalai Lama Welcoming Committee — have nonetheless found ways to access large all-campus listservs.

Even with the serious limitations on all-campus emails, students continued to complain about the high volume of messages flooding their inboxes. These complaints, and a desire for improved forms of all-campus communication, led to the creation of the Portal system.

LIS launched Portal in January 2012. The platform combines campus news, sports scores, dining menus and quick access to other pages on the College's website. Despite LIS's attempts to make Portal an interactive and customized experience, students failed to embrace the platform, citing the site's lack of user-friendliness and accessibility.

Since Portal proved to be an ineffective way to reach many members of the community, the College took a new approach to all-student emails this fall through the introduction of MiddNotes.

MiddNotes, which aggregates and summarizes campus-wide announcements into a weekly email sent out to students and faculty, aims to broadcast campus announcements while decreasing the overall number of all-school emails.

In addition to limiting the number of emails students receive, Dean of LIS and Chief Information Officer Michael Roy hopes MiddNotes will address a current gap in communication on campus.

"For the very personal, there's things like Facebook; for the purely academic, there are things like Moodle, but there's this space that bridges between those two worlds," said Roy. "There's a gap there, and this [discussion platform] could potentially fill that gap."

Last spring, in an effort to try and fill this space, Brian Foster '13 sought funding first from the College and later from the Student Government Association (SGA) for the creation and implementation of a new site, EdLiberty.

Foster's site would have included a ThinkTank discussion board feature, a virtual bulletin board events platform and a Newsroom function for sharing web content. While Foster's EdLiberty failed by a vote of 10-7 in the SGA, due in part to the large sum of funding the project required, Foster maintains that the institutional need for this platform still exists at the College.

"We have so many students working independently on amazing projects, art and businesses," said Foster. "But there is no go-to way for them to collaborate and communicate. This is where great technology can make all the difference. It can connect, inspire and accelerate."

Roy cited Foster's original proposal as part of the genesis for the concept at the administrative level.

Roy described the new discussion board, which can be found at go/discuss, as a forum for announcements, discussions or debates.

"In many ways, it's an open question to the student body to see what are the things [they] want to talk about," said Roy.

Candlelight dinners urge sustainability

By Emma Eastwood-Paticchio

Candlelit dinners, which the College's Campus Sustainability Coordinators (CSCs) began last year, are continuing to be held in Proctor or Ross every Wednesday night this semester.

The dinners initially occurred once every other week. Last spring, in order to have a greater impact on the college community, they were increased to every week, alternating between Proctor and Ross. While the dinners have primarily taken place every other Wednesday in Proctor this year, Sustainability Coordinator Melissa Garrett '14 said that this is temporary. "The goal is to alternate between the dining halls each week," she said.

The main purpose of the candlelit dinners is to raise campus-wide awareness about simple and easy ways in which our campus can be more sustainable. Last Wednesday, the CSCs organized candlelit dinners in both Proctor and Ross in recognition of National Sustainability Day.

"They are a nice weekly reminder to think about our energy consumption and talk about sustainability," said CSC Spencer Petterson '14.

The CSCs view these dinners as a way to encourage students to lead sustainable lifestyles in creative ways and make a small impact at the same time. While turning the

lights off for a few hours does not have a huge effect on its own, the difference grows over time.

"It reduces the College's energy usage a little bit each dinner, which as we know, can combine to make a greater impact if we continue to organize them," said Garrett.

While the actual statistics are unknown, Petterson assured that one of the group's primary goals is finding out exactly how much energy and money is being saved each Wednesday.

Student reactions to the weekly candlelit dinners are mixed, with some people in support of the message they send and others against the practicality of having a dimly lit dining hall.

"Every time there is a candlelit dinner, at least for a moment, I think about my personal impact on the environment," said Amy Pickens '15.

Marea Colombo '13 also agreed with the intentions of the dinners, but sees a problem in their functionality.

"The idea behind candlelight dinners is great — we need to increase awareness of environmental sustainability at the College," said Colombo. "However, I think that the lack of lighting in many areas of the dining hall has actually started turning people away from both the idea and the message it hopes to send out."

GlobeMed talks focus on sustainability

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was completed on Sunday with closing remarks by Ms. Perry Dougherty of Still Harbor, who spoke to the significance of mission and values to impact and resilience in the global health field.

While each speaker offered a unique perspective on global health, the common theme throughout the talks centered around sustainability. The members of the College's GlobeMed chapter selected sustainability as the weekend's theme due to its prevalence on campus, as well as its importance to the mission of its Rwandan partner institution, Gardens for Health International (GHI).

"With sustainability being such a big thing at Middlebury, we thought it would be interesting to explore it through global health," says Ellen Halle '13, director of external development for GlobeMed at the College. "The environment is inextricably linked to health, so it made sense," she added, referring to the selection of the theme during the application process.

The conference was well attended, with over 115 participants, including the College's 60 GlobeMed chapter members. Each of the sessions addressed a different issue within global health — from nutrition and cholera to strengthening health systems — and incorporated common ideas of health equity and using local resources to solve problems.

"People were really excited to see the ideas we talk about in GlobeMed applied in the professional world," said chapter member Emily Nuss '15. "There was a lot of energy and eager participation."

The chapter's co-presidents pointed to the dedication of its student members as one reason for the weekend's success.

"I don't think that GlobeMed at Middlebury could have put this event on two years ago or even last year — it's a huge testament to the amazing staff of students we have,"

wrote co-president Hannah Judge '12.5 in an email.

GlobeMed at Middlebury College applied last July to host the Hilltop conference. Out of the 50 institutions in the United States with a GlobeMed chapter, the College and Columbia University were selected to host Hilltop events in 2012.

Sarah Endres, a program director with the GlobeMed national office, said that the College chapter's successful use of its resources makes it unique among GlobeMed schools.

"The geography department has been incredibly useful for Middlebury's partnership," she commented, referring to a project completed last summer by some of the College's GlobeMed students. Chapter members worked with Gardens for Health International on a project which mapped homes in Rwanda with high rates of mal-

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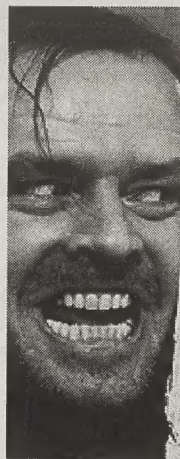
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Charlie MacCormack '62 (second from right) spoke on a panel about managing nutrition intervention at the GlobeMed Hilltop event on Saturday, Oct. 27.

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Students help farm prepare for Sandy

By Isaac Baker

On Saturday, Oct. 27, a group of students travelled to Evening Song Farm south of Rutland in Cuttingsville, Vt. to help with the last of the harvest before Hurricane Sandy hit. The owners of the farm have been reaching out to students this growing season for help during a hectic transition after their farm was completely wiped out by Hurricane Irene in August 2011. Groups from Castleton College, Middlebury and others have gone to volunteer this fall; Castleton College students have also gone to study their original farmland where the river cut away a significant portion of the bank, taking with it \$250,000 of the farm's infrastructure.

With Hurricane Sandy on the horizon, Kara Fitzgerald, one of the two farm owners, was particularly concerned about the success of the farm's remaining projects. The harvest was behind schedule with much left to do and the "hoop houses," or large plastic green houses, were likewise unfinished. Fitzgerald was anxious to get done what she could before another hurricane damaged her livelihood.

"We were helping with the harvest to make sure nothing gets lost during the storm," said student volunteer Christian Cain '14.

Last year, Irene caused more than \$200 million in farm damage alone in the state, ruining farmland throughout Vermont, taking barns, covered bridges and other infrastructure. Evening Song Farm, like many Vermont farms, was not eligible for any aid from the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) because their property was treated as a business, even though it was also residential.

FEMA bought out homes that had washed away through their Hazard Mitigation program, which buys properties, with help from the state, so that families can relocate away from the original property that is likely to flood again in a new storm. Cain noted, however, that this buyout program did not extend to farms.

"I was surprised to discover," said Cain, "[that] this pair of young farmers received no governmental aid in rebuilding their livelihood due to a confusing and obscure tax classification problem."

While Fitzgerald received aid from fundraising events, very little was from the state and none came from a national agency, leaving a good portion of the \$250,000 still lost a year after Irene.

Continuing the extreme weather pattern, Sandy is expected to bring high winds, sustained rain and snow for those in higher elevations. The Nation Weather Service (NWS) issued a flood watch, noting that damages were likely, though not expected to rival those of Irene.

"Scattered to widespread downed trees and power lines are likely," the NWS predicted. "In addition ... minor structural damage to poorly constructed homes or buildings is expected."

Looking ahead at this coming weather, Fitzgerald contacted Sustainability and Communication Outreach Coordinator Avery McNiff about getting a group together to work at the farm.

"[Fitzgerald] contacted me about the possibility of organizing a farm service day," said McNiff. "The farm was completely wiped out by Irene last year and she



COURTESY OF AVERY MCNIFF

Students gather and bag carrots at Evening Song Farm, preparing for hurricane Sandy.

has been working together with her partner seven days a week to rebuild the infrastructure in a nearby location."

After reaching out to students through various environmental organizations, McNiff managed to find eight students for the service trip. Over the course of the day, students helped with harvesting large plots of carrots. Another volunteer, Clare Donohue-Meyer '16, described what it was like to prepare for the coming storm.

"It was sobering to help prepare for Sandy in light of what had already happened to the farm during Irene. It really makes you think about the uncertainty farmers have to deal with as part of their day-to-day job," said Donohue-Meyer.

"Helping Evening Song prepare for the storm made the day feel even more worthwhile and our work more significant," added McNiff.

Despite these hardships, students also really enjoyed their time at the farm, picking, sorting and bagging carrots far away

from books and classrooms. Eat Real president Stu Fram '13 recalled his day of service fondly.

"Doing something as simple as harvesting carrots for an afternoon is a great way to escape the hyperactive bustle of campus, take a step back and not worry about academic productivity for a few hours," he said.

"I had a great time pulling carrots," said Cain. "[I] still haven't washed all the dirt off from under my fingernails."

All of the students began the trek back home delighted to have spent time outside with Fitzgerald among the long rows of deer-nibbled carrots' tops. Many students enjoyed it so much that they hope to do it again in the coming weeks.

"I'm hoping to build off the momentum started with the first group and make farm service days a monthly happening [by] bringing in more involvement from students, faculty and staff members," said McNiff.

New passenger rail line will be completed by 2017

By Conor Grant

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) recently unveiled plans to restore the passenger rail line along the state's western corridor. This new rail system will run from Bennington to Burlington via Middlebury and Rutland, giving residents of Middlebury direct rail access to both Rutland and Burlington.

Currently, the railroad that bisects the town of Middlebury only transports freight. In the past, however, the railway that runs through downtown Middlebury also provided passenger service. A plan introduced at a Vermont Rail Action Network (VRAN) meeting held in the Kirk Alumni Center on Tuesday, Oct. 23, however, outlined comprehensive plans to revive the defunct passenger railway that once ran through Middlebury.

Chris Cole, the policy, planning and intermodal development director at VRAN, announced plans to renovate the long defunct western corridor passenger line and partner to restore decaying railroad overpasses in downtown Middlebury.

The project is estimated to cost between \$35 million and \$45 million dollars, and initial projections put the completion date at some point in 2017.

Although the project is a costly one, both Cole and Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin indicated that plans to upgrade Vermont railways will continue with or without federal funding. Shumlin feels that investment in Vermont's railways should be a policy focus for the state of Vermont in the future. Cole expects that the state will be able to use federal highway funding, though it is not yet clear if that will be available.

Renovation of the state's rail network is priority for the Shumlin administration. The renovation of the western corridor rail line is only a small component of Shumlin's broad-

er plan to quadruple passenger railroad usage and double the amount of freight transported along Vermont railways by 2030.

Work on the railways is expected to begin soon — at least 12 separate construction zones have been identified for renovation within the next year. It is thought that roughly 70 miles of railway will need to be renovated in the next few years to realize the goal of a comprehensive railway from Bennington to Burlington by 2017. In the long-term, the project is also focused on extending the national Amtrak network into Burlington.

Many critics of the public transportation system in America are worried that existing automobile and airplane networks will not be able to accommodate increasing numbers of commuters. According to Shumlin, rapid population increases in Vermont and across the United States necessitate transportation alternatives. Shumlin and other state policymakers see an improved rail network as an affordable alternative to automobile and airplane use.

Shumlin and Cole predict that an expanded rail system in Vermont will benefit the state of Vermont in a handful of ways; chiefly, expanded railways will give the state economy a significant boost.

The Amtrak line and the extended intrastate railway coverage will provide tourists with more comprehensive access to the state of Vermont, which will generate significant revenue. Improved accessibility will benefit businesses by expanding the sphere of Vermont tourism. The new railway system will give tourists without cars unprecedented access to Vermont towns and cities.

Furthermore, the expanded railway line will streamline transportation to and from Chittenden County — the state's largest commercial center — thereby making statewide commercial freight transportation vastly more efficient. An improved pub-



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Renovations of the railway system include demolishing Middlebury train tunnels.

lic transportation system will give workers across the state inexpensive and direct commuting options.

The benefits of the expanded railway system are far from being strictly economic in nature. The proposed expansion would also benefit the state environmentally.

The expansion of the public transportation system will give the many people living in Chittenden County — Vermont's most densely populated area — accessible and inexpensive public transportation options that

make it possible to limit their personal fuel consumption.

Jack Byrne, director of the sustainability and integration office at the College, sees the railway expansion as a step in the right direction. He explained that increased railway use by students and faculty would cut down on high-emission automobile and airplane trips. If all goes according to plan, students and faculty will have convenient access to Burlington, Rutland and beyond in only a few short years.

Connecting with Community

Some of the many ways Middlebury students get involved in the surrounding area

By Adrian Leong

A few weeks ago, I sat in front of my laptop and filled out the application form for the mini-MALT trip in a somewhat careless fashion. I never even looked over my responses to any of the questions, which is something that I rarely do. What this reveals about my mindset at that time is that I wasn't at all desperate to go.

Well, I really should have known better.

Over the recent fall break weekend, I stayed at the Merck Farmland and Forest Center in Rupert, Vt. with a group of about a dozen people. At first, sure, I was excited about going on a trip and taking a break from the rather hectic lifestyle at Middlebury, but, to be plain, I wasn't as thrilled as I could have been.

On the afternoon of our arrival, we had a tour of the animal farm. We met the various members of the farm — the lamb, the two work-horses, a few piglets and a lot of chickens. I learned about the importance of foresight in organic farming from a worker on the farm who told us that they fenced their sheep off at the boundary of the forest. If they didn't, the sheep would graze on the grass and deposit their natural "fertilizer" in the forests where they spend time resting and hiding away from the sunshine. In that way, the pastures



A group of MALT participants relax around the campfire after a tiring day of farmwork.

stories.

Isn't telling ghost stories the most appropriate thing to do when one is sitting around a fire and can see nothing else other than what is illuminated by the fire?

As I sat beside the bonfire, I reflected on how much I cherished this "personal time" with nature. After all, shouldn't time off from school be a break from schoolwork? From the usual lifestyle that

some would call the "wilderness."

I slept soundly that night beside the fireplace. The next morning, we left the cabin after enjoying some pancakes cooked by our leader from Bhutan. On the farm, we worked for three hours tidying up the electric wires that were not in use anymore.

Soon enough, I realized how great an impact a volunteer can have on the operation of a farm. It was clear to me that the farm was understaffed, and they seemed grateful to receive external help.

While helping out on the farm is important, a positive attitude about the environment and the desire to transmit this passion to future generations is even more important. I see this as a mutually beneficial process — I learn about the techniques that are useful on a farm, and the farm gets extra help from outside which reduces their workload.

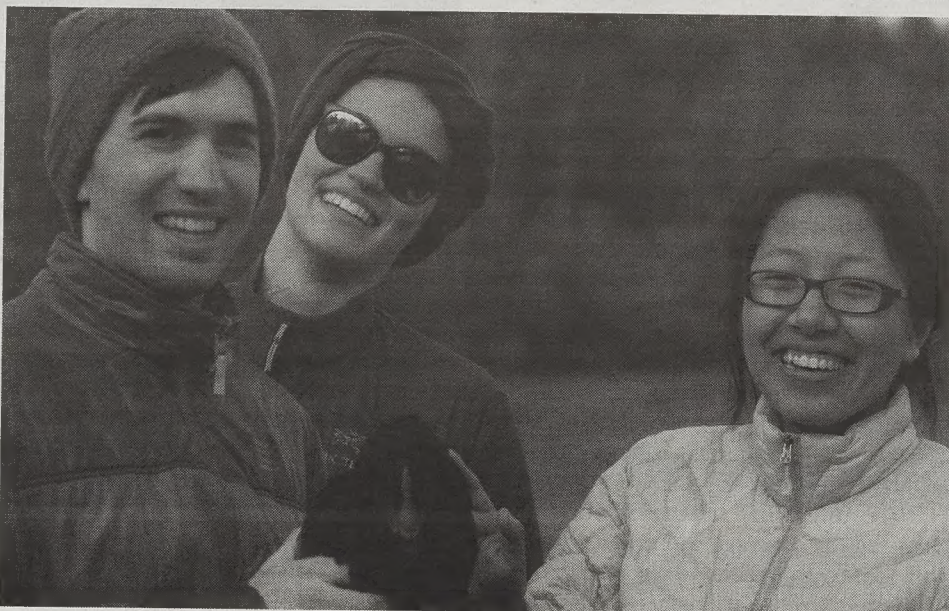
Unlike many city-dwellers, I have always had a strong yearning to be in touch with nature. During those two days on the mini-MALT trip, I didn't feel uncomfortable at any moment, even though there were no taps around from which drinkable water could flow, or clean toilet seats that I could sit on.

Today, technology is said to be able to breach the distance between people. On many levels, that is true. What many people don't realize, however, is that nature is the most peaceful and joyous environment.

When I fail to venture out of my comfortable and convenient modern lifestyle, I feel a certain unfulfillment that I associ-

underlies our daily lives?

As I sat around the fire with the rest of my group making s'mores, I admired the starry night sky and appreciated the sound of the running stream 10 meters away. I closed my eyes, and took in all



These adventurous MALT participants got the opportunity to handle the farm's livestock.

the flavors in nature: the slightly choking smell of smoke, the sweetness of the damp air and the comforting taste of the surrounding woods and the fallen leaves on the ground. At that moment, I knew what I had been craving since the last time I enjoyed a relaxing time in what

ate with lack of control over my modern, materialistic lifestyle.

As my trail maintenance guide told me, recognizing that everything a person needs to survive can fit in a backpack is the best way to understand that a materialistic life is limited.

LOCAL LOWDOWN 24

"Richard III" Comes to Middlebury

For theater and literature enthusiasts alike, the dramatic tale, Shakespeare's *Richard III*, awaits at the town hall. The performance will be put on by the Middlebury Actors Workshop, detailing the gripping story of the plot to usurp the British crown. The show will run throughout the weekend.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students; they are available at the Town Hall Theater Boxoffice: 802-382-9222 or townhalltheater.com

NOV. 1-4, 8 P.M. - 10 P.M.

Giant Book Sale at the Ilsley Public Library

The Ilsley Public Library in Middlebury will be hosting an enormous booksale, with offerings from every genre. Proceeds from the sale will go to support the library's programs and services. The sale will continue on Saturday as well for those unable to attend on Friday.

For more information, call 802-388-4095.

NOV. 2-3, 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Northumbrian Smallpipes Concert Set for Bristol

The "Northumbrian Smallpipes and other Strange Beasts" performance will be put on by Richard Hensold at the WalkOver. The concert will feature a number of different instruments, including smallpipes, reel pipes, Welsh hornpipe and more. The musical selections will draw from Scottish, Northumbrian and Cape Breton influences.

Tickets cost \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. You can make a reservation at the WalkOver by phone, 802-453-3188 line 2, or online at www.walkover.me.com

NOV. 26, 8 P.M. - 10 P.M.

Middlebury's Annual Empty Bowl Dinner

This Saturday, the Middlebury United Methodist Church will host its 21st annual Empty Bowl Dinner, a fundraiser aimed at fighting hunger on the local level. The event is sponsored by local potters, businesses and growers, all coming together in an effort to stock shelves with local food.

Tickets are \$25 and include a meal and a complimentary handmade bowl contributed by the potters sponsoring the event. Tickets are available at the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op.

NOV. 3, 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Free Snowmobile Safety Course in Middlebury

Looking to get out on a snowmobile this winter? A group called the Foote of the Mountain Snow Travelers will host this safety course at the Middlebury American Legion next Monday and Tuesday evenings. Participants will need to attend both nights in order to get certified. The course is mandatory for anyone born after July 1983 who plans to drive a snowmobile in the state this winter.

For more information, call 802-771-7012.

NOV. 5 AND NOV. 6, 6 P.M. - 9 P.M.

OPINIONS

The Middlebury Campus

Digging deeper into our political beliefs

Within the next week, Americans will take to the polls and cast their votes for the country's next president. Anticipation has been high across the country, and the atmosphere at Middlebury is no exception.

EDITORIAL

The editorial represents the official opinion of *The Middlebury Campus* as decided by the editorial board.

One need only stop by Crossroads Café during one of the recent debates to appreciate the fact that many students here are passionate about the presidential election.

This election will mark the first time that many of us are able to

vote, and student groups such as College Democrats and College Republicans — as well as student and faculty sponsored talks and forums — have done a great job keep-

ing the election at the top of our minds.

While we applaud these efforts and the awareness that they have raised, we question whether Middlebury students have utilized these resources in the most beneficial way. Lectures and panels should serve as means for students to constructively engage in the political process and explore — and question — the choices we make. Our political beliefs should not be so deeply entrenched that they are impossible to change. After all, most students are no older than 22 — we are therefore too young to be so completely unwavering in our views.

We do not go to college, especially a liberal-arts college, simply to have our pre-existing opinions reinforced and confirmed. The purpose of our Middlebury education is not just to learn facts — it is to learn how to question both ourselves and others. The presidential election is the perfect time for us to utilize this facet of the Middlebury education. Voting is important, but it is infinitely more so if your decision is the result of real deliberation and analytical evaluation.

Many of us vote for the same party as our parents. Others may vote for the party their parents abhor as an act of college rebellion. Some people may be pressured by Middlebury's liberal-leaning student body to vote for Obama, while others may vote

for a third-party candidate just to be different. But before casting your vote, we encourage you to question the reasons behind your decision. Are you truly voting for the person you think would make the best president of the United States, or is there another reason behind your decision?

At Middlebury, we are provided with resources and tools that make analytical decision-making possible. On-campus political organizations are one such tool. However, instead of just providing a venue for like-minded individuals to meet and discuss issues, groups such as College Democrats and College Republicans should promote discussion that crosses party lines. A debate between members of the two groups would be one way to facilitate such discussion. Additionally, it is important that such organizations not only educate on what specifically they stand for, but also that they explain the reasoning behind these beliefs.

Another resource here is our student body. Middlebury students come from all different backgrounds, practice different religions, study different subjects and care about different issues. Whereas in high school you may have only been exposed to the political views of your parents or from people from your same neighborhood, the same does not hold true at Middlebury.

Therefore, we encourage you to discuss your beliefs with other students here — and not just students who have similar values or fall on the same end of the political spectrum. Whether these discussions reinforce your opinion or cause you to step back and question it, they ensure that you make your decision based on what you truly believe.

As college students, it is hard to know where exactly we fit in as voters in this presidential election. Do we vote in Vermont or for our home state? If we vote in our home state, why should we vote for local issues that likely will have little effect on us? Do we vote for seemingly minor local positions in our hometown if we know nothing about the candidates? Should we focus on social issues that may affect us more during our four years here, or economic issues such as unemployment that may confront us upon graduation? When are our absentee ballots due? And do our absentee votes even count?

It is hard to know the right answer to most of these questions — we on the editorial board certainly do not. But what you can and should be sure of is that, no matter whom you vote for, your decision is a reflection of careful deliberation and thinking. Knowing why you believe what you believe is just as important as believing anything at all.

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The perfect storm

Humans have a natural attraction to disaster. Often traffic gets bad after a car accident not because the accident didn't get moved to the side quickly enough, but because we can't look away. We often stare at dead animals in the road not because we want to, but because there's a certain fascination that makes us. There's something comforting about events that are out of our immediate control that makes us want to watch them unfold.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Stephanie Roush

'14 is from Seattle, Wash.

Hurricane Sandy is no different. I find myself addicted to the *New York Times* website, constantly clicking the refresh button to see if I can find out more about what seems to be impending disaster. I'm reminded of Hollywood movies about perfect storms, like *The Day After Tomorrow*, and feel the excitement of being at the precipice of something big about to happen, yet I also

feel guilty for my fascination.

Students on campus almost mocked this impending natural disaster. MiddBlog tweeted expressing concern about the kitty that hangs out around Proctor; a student impersonated "Sandy" on the college radio station. We're obsessed with what might be the biggest natural disaster to hit the United States in decades, yet we're not even taking it seriously.

This isn't to say that I'm advocating dropping everything and running to shelter either, but when talking about a storm that might cause irreparable damage to some of our nation's most prized cities I find myself surprised that no one is talking about the possible consequences of the storm.

All emails sent out by the administration so far regarding the hurricane have a serious, foreboding, even cautionary tone. As college students, though, we're invincible. Not only are we invincible, we're not responsible.

We don't own homes that may or may not have natural disas-

ter insurance. We're not moving our lawn furniture so it doesn't come crashing through our windows, nor are we stocking up on disaster supplies like emergency food, matches or water. We live under the assumption that the College will take care of it for us.

Not that this assumption is inherently bad, because it's not. It just might be a bit ignorant. The problems this storm poses for the world beyond Middlebury College are severe. It can be hard to sympathize with a situation we have no tangible stake in, yet isn't that what we're being taught to do as students seeking a liberal arts education?

There's a dichotomy in our reaction to Hurricane Sandy. While we learn to be active global citizens and take on important social issues as our own, we also neglect to take seriously the safety of our fellow American citizens. Hundreds of thousands of people in the Northeast currently face flooding, house damage and major transportation issues, yet our sympathy will only be felt retroactively.

There's a lot of talk about Hurricane Irene of last year and debates about whether Irene was predicted to hit or not to hit Vermont. Yet, history precedes us.

I think that it's irrelevant whether or not Irene was predicted to hit Vermont. It did. It caused millions of dollars of damage to roads and property in Vermont. The College made great efforts to raise money for the relief efforts, helping Vermont rebuild post-storm.

Hurricane Sandy is unpredictable, yet its wrath is imminent for many parts of this country. Dialogue is not the problem; students are talking about the storm. The problem is our ignorance toward a disaster that is out of our control. We can stop medical malpractice in Africa; it's a tangible goal. We can't stop nature. A storm swirls toward the Atlantic seaboard, and there's little we can do but watch.

In the case of natural disasters that are completely out of our control, the question remains, how can we help?

Middlebury faculty speak out

lighting the power of a liberal arts education in producing critically engaged citizens.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Members of the Middlebury College faculty

Lately professors all over the country and here at Middlebury have been trying to answer the question, "Why liberal arts?" Although the answer is complex, it's also quite simple. A good liberal arts education produces critically engaged citizens. In other words,

people who can get information, analyze it and, yes, think about it. As civically engaged citizens, students of the liberal arts are then very often moved to action.

This is exactly what happened last week when a group of Middlebury students decided to push the College to think about how we make our money. The students did this by sending out a fake press release stating that in conjunction with the Dalai Lama's visit, Middlebury would be

divesting itself from all companies that make a profit from war.

The press release was not a joke, but a protest. It pointed out the contradiction of saying we support peaceful solutions and simultaneously taking money from weapons' manufacturers. It also points out the contradiction between being "carbon neutral" and getting dividends from Big Oil.

This action occurred not because Middlebury is more hypocritical than other institutions. It's not. But because Middlebury is incredibly good at producing critically engaged citizens.

We the undersigned would like to publicly share our support with the students for pushing all of us to put our money where our mouths and our values are. We also want to applaud them for high-

A RECORD TO RUN ON AND A ROMNEY TO RUN FROM

President of the United States Barack Obama's first term has not been the uninterrupted tale of disappointment and broken promises that the media, his opponents and even pessimistic liberals might have you believe. Obama promised

APPLY LIBERALLY

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to reform health care and subsequently passed a bill that will allow the United States to finally join the club of developed nations with universal health insurance. He said he would increase the regulation of the financial sector so that we would not repeat the disaster of 2008, and signed such a bill in his second year. He pledged to cut taxes for the middle class; the stimulus and debt ceiling compromise both included tax cuts that gave struggling families a much-needed reprieve. His plan to increase standards-based educational assessment earned opposition in the primary, but his "Race to the Top" initiative set off an unprecedented wave of school reform. He vowed to end the war in Iraq — our troops are home.

Obama repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," allowing gay men and women to serve their country openly, and refused to defend the shameful and unconstitutional "Defense of Marriage Act." His administration passed laws that made it easier

for women to sue for equal pay and for students to receive college loans. He dramatically increased fuel economy standards for automobiles and the regulations on coal pollution. Oil imports are at their lowest level in decades. The General Motors assembly lines that seemed at risk of forever falling silent four years ago now churn faster than ever. Osama bin Laden lies on the bottom of the Arabian Sea.

In America, we view the President as wielding near-dictatorial levels of power. We credit him for the good things that happen during his time in office — whether or not he had anything to do with them — and we blame him when things over which he has little control go wrong. This President, time and time again, has taken bold risks that, had they backfired, would have combined him to the place in history occupied by the likes of Carter and Hoover. Let us not forget that Obama nev-

er had an honest partner in the Congressional Republicans who have held dozens of votes on repealing Obamacare but few on fixing the economy or investing in our future. This is neither an accident nor an oversight. Their only agenda is to defeat this president. If Barack Hussein Obama can win a second term despite their rancor, their disrespect and their selfish obstructionism, they will have failed.

There is nothing moderate about this Republican Party or their nominee. Most of their plans are still secret — hidden from even their supporters. But based on what they've put forward in the debates, several things are clear. They will explode the deficit in order to cut taxes for the mega-rich so that people like Mitt Romney pay even less than the 14 percent of his income that he paid last year. They will appoint justices who will use any opportunity to repeal Roe v. Wade, so that women who must deal with the most personal of choices, and the doctors who help them, risk prison. They will support coal over its logical alternatives and continue to treat global warming as a punch line. In short, their vision of the American

dream is a twisted combination of Ayn Rand and *The Handmaid's Tale*. Mitt Romney often attacks Obama over his so-called "apology tour" through the Middle East after his election. It takes a stronger and wiser man to admit mistakes than it does to sit on the sidelines and deliver snarky attacks.

Obama has a record to run on, and Romney-Ryan is a ticket to run from.

Vote for Obama, whether or not you live in a swing state. His entire agenda is at stake; this election is too important to sit out.

Vote for Obama, even if the excitement of 2008 has faded. The future of our nation is at stake; this election is too important to spend pouting.

Vote for Obama, not some third-party dog-and-pony-show focused on a single issue. I'm looking at you, pot smokers who think that makes you a libertarian. I'm looking at you, environmentalists who think there is no difference between the major parties on our stewardship of the planet. Your future is at stake; this election is too important to throw away your vote.

And vote for some Democratic congressmen, too.

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Why I'm not "throwing away" my vote

I am a proud Republican. But last week, I filled out my absentee ballot and voted for Gary Johnson, the Libertarian presidential candidate.

When I first announced that I planned to vote for a third-party candidate, many of my friends were a little angry. "This may be the most important election of our lives. How can you throw away your vote on a third-party candidate?"

Nearly a quarter of Americans feel that in this election, they support "the candidate they disagree with less," and bipartisan polarization has long been blamed for this "lesser of two evils" outlook. Indeed, our bipartisan system has divided most political issues to the point where the two party's views stand in fundamental opposition to each other, leaving no room for compromise. And yet, many of these platforms stand against their party's smothered philosophy, having been arbitrarily adopted to capture votes by providing an alternative to the other party's stances. In 1981, Ronald Reagan asserted that the "government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives," and this principle applies to many Republican party platforms. Yet, while advocating decreased private-sector control and huge government spending cuts, Republicans champion social platforms aiming to control peoples' decisions. The Democratic Party, meanwhile, compromises the integral American social and political value of freedom to establish politically manufactured equality through tax hikes for the wealthy, affirmative action and nationalized services.

The government shouldn't pick winners and losers in our economy, and it shouldn't judge marriage eligibility. Yet both the Democratic and Republican parties impinge on Americans' freedoms and seek expanded control, whether fiscally or socially. Whether Obama or Romney wins this election, Congress will work to thwart the president's attempts at political or social progress, military spending will increase, foreign entanglements in the Middle East will continue, climate change will remain unsolved, taxes will probably be raised on some sector of Americans and government power over the American citizenry will expand. We clearly need a pragmatic alternative.

While "our two-party political system is destroying America," remains a popular declaration, Americans will largely ignore the half-dozen third-party presidential candidates come Election Day. It's mostly psychological — we want to vote for the winning candidate; we don't want our vote to be wasted — but the media and misinformation are also at fault. Last week, an obese dachshund named Obie received more national press than Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein. Seven in 10 Americans believe our gov-

ernment was designed as a two-party system, while political parties didn't exist until the 1790s, and third parties have historically played major roles in influencing American politics.

While third parties may not elect candidates or rally widespread support, they can shape the political system by illuminating unrepresented political beliefs and prompting platform readjustments in the vote-thirsty, dominant parties.

Gary Johnson, a former Republican governor of New Mexico, advocates socially tolerant, fiscally conservative leadership stressing economic, diplomatic and foreign non-interventionism. Governor Johnson wants to abolish the corporate tax to encourage business, immediately end our costly military occupation of Afghanistan, repeal Obamacare, cut government spending, remove tax loopholes instead of raising taxes, end government subsidies, expand states' control, legalize and tax marijuana, ensure government neutrality on social issues and encourage legal immigration rather than attack illegal immigration. These lofty goals aren't pipe dreams — they rest on tried and true principles of non-interventionism and personal liberty advocated by our Founding Fathers. And in New Mexico, Gary Johnson's libertarian leadership and budget slashing created one of the only state budget surpluses in the last four decades.

I know that Gary Johnson will not be elected, but my hope is that if he gains a substantial portion of the popular vote, libertarian views could reign in the fiscal liberalism of the left and convince the Republican Party that its social policies are isolating young people.

Voting for a third party is not wasting my vote when compromising my beliefs for a Republican or Democrat who leads based on polarized party stances rather than moral and economic pragmatism is the alternative. A vote for Gary Johnson challenges current political gridlock, voices frustration in the failed policies of both Democrats and Republicans and helps politicians recognize that their parties have lost touch with the values held by the majority of our socially tolerant, fiscally conservative nation. We can't afford four more years of Obama, but Romney's policies are not the alternatives we need. You don't have to pick the lesser of two evils — vote libertarian with me and demand a change in our divided, stagnated political system.

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

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Do we need to "have it all?"

Things I will not be talking about in this column: the War on Women, the GOP (and how much it hates women), Roe v. Wade and the threat of overturning it, etc. We already know how much the Republican Party hates women, so I'm not going to talk about it right before the election — I'm over it. Vote for Democrats (especially if you live in Massachusetts). I won't even mention the fact that Scott Brown (R-Mass) supported an amendment that would have given employers carte

NOT ABOUT THE PATRIARCHY

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blanche to deny contraception coverage to employees. He keeps saying it's about "religious freedom," but we know that's a lie — Obama already gave religious institutions an exception. Moreover, I don't think I need to even remind the public that covering preventative care (like contraception) is actually far cheaper for the United States in the long run. I like to think Middlebury's student body is smart enough to realize these things.

So let's get to more interesting things, shall we? Namely, binders full of women. But actually — let's have that discussion. I think it's high time we start talking women and careers on this campus. I know as a super-senior feb who is about to enter the real world and hypothetically begin my career, this topic is both relevant and urgent.

For some, the second debate was a sort of vindication, especially considering President Obama's far improved performance over his lackluster first debate. For others, Governor Romney managed to continue his upward momentum, proving he could sound presidential and commanding. But to be honest, I couldn't really get past the now infamous "binders full of women" comment.

Now, it wasn't because of the preposterous nature of

the comment, nor was it because Romney claimed credit for something he didn't do (those "binders" were presented to him by a non-partisan group in Massachusetts that works to increase the number of women in politics). What struck me were the jeers I heard while watching the debate in Crossroads Café in response to Romney's comment. While I do agree that his statements were more out of a place of conservative beliefs and support of hetero-normative gender roles, he inadvertently said something important. Workplace flexibility is something we should be talking about, but not only so women can go home and cook dinner. We should be talking about how to change the workplace so that there are just as many women able to pursue careers as men and just as many men who want to have more time with their families as women. We should be talking about workplace flexibility for men in addition to women.

Today, women only make up about 20 percent of senior managerial positions in the United States. Far less than half of our legislators are women and women continue to make less money than men. The feminist revolution of the 1970's has certainly not succeeded in attaining full equality in the workplace. This is a problem.

This past summer, Anne-Marie Slaughter, a professor at Princeton and a former director of policy planning at the U.S. State Department, wrote a controversial piece in *The Atlantic* called "Why Women Still Can't Have It All." She left her very high-profile job at the State Department so that she could spend more time with her family after finding that the impossible hours and inflexible structure didn't give her the work-life balance she needed as a mother. Slaughter's article sparked outrage among many other women in high profile careers who saw her manifesto as an attack on the idea of progress.

Generally I don't agree with many of Slaughter's claims, particularly those that say women simply feel the "need" to

be home more than men because of some vague biological claims. I do think her article highlights an important aspect of this argument, though. What does it mean to "have it all?" Does that concept even exist as we've been told? More crucially, should it be something women must strive to attain? According to Slaughter, not necessarily.

This, I think, is the problematic nature of Slaughter's article, but also an issue that most Western feminists have attempted to avoid: should we be moving away from the equality paradigm that many women have intensely focused on, and instead to changing societal norms and where we place value? I think the worry here is that Slaughter's article is not meant to further encourage women to succeed in the workforce as it currently exists and could in fact dissuade women from even attempting to move to the very top of the pyramid.

Other women at the top of their fields, such as Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, have spoken at length as to how to increase the number of women at the top. Among her areas of focus, Sandberg discusses the fact that our society tells us that for men, success and likeability are positively correlated, while for women, success and likeability are negatively correlated. This tells us that women aren't able to "have it all" as men often can, because we're told to choose. It can be near impossible for women to push to the top, often because of familial pressures, or simply because the traits necessary to reach the top are discouraged in women.

So, then, how do we get more women to the top? Well, it certainly shouldn't require binders. Like Sandberg, I think the world would simply be a better place for everyone if our leadership were split evenly. However, how do we get there? Do we need to reconsider rewarding those who can put the long hours in? Should we be telling men that they can have a rewarding experience as a stay-at-home father? I think a solution is going to require a combination.

Politics of destruction

Most people in the world who look at Middlebury College see a bastion of decency, fairness and social justice. Most people see Middlebury's continued commitment to carbon neutrality amidst difficult economic conditions as evidence of an exceptional dedication to the future of our planet. Most people see the College's need-blind admissions policy as both a strong statement in favor of distributive justice and as an effective effort to provide opportunities to students who otherwise would not have them.

As they are so keen on making clear to us, the "Middlebury Radicals" are not most people. Rather than being proud of Middlebury's commitment to making the world a better place, the Radicals want us to be ashamed of our school. Their anger at Middlebury was evident last week in the falsified press release they emailed. It was evident when they heckled students looking to donate blood several weeks ago in the McCullough Student Center. The Radicals see the core of the College as evil because the institution exists in and perpetuates a political system they wish to do away with: namely Jeffersonian Republicanism. Thus, virtually anything Middlebury does is subject to the Radicals' intolerant and egomaniacal criticism.

The protest of the American Red Cross, which purported to be about the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) discriminatory policies that prohibit men who have had sex with men (MSM) from donating blood, tells us all we need to know about this radical politics. Let's ignore the FDA's argument that because gay men are allegedly 2,000 times more likely to be infected with AIDS than other first-time blood donors, they should be "deferred" (a nice word for prohibited) from donating. Let's just focus on what the Radicals decided was the appropriate response to a controversial and, due to advances in blood testing, outdated policy. The American Red Cross and its donors do more good in one year than every student group at Middlebury combined has in 213 years. Protesting the Red Cross requires thorough justification and consideration, neither of which is requisite in the Radicals' platonic conception of "activism."

It might be possible to justify these protests if a) the participants had made an effort to meet with President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz or Dean of the College Shirley Collado before the Red Cross came to campus and b) if the Red Cross had not announced its opposition to the FDA's MSM policy back in 2006. But the students chose to forgo any communication with the Offices of the President and the Dean of the College (both of which sympathize with the cause) until the day of their protests, when they left buckets of fake blood in Old Chapel.

Such childish "activism" was taken to new extremes with the falsified press release emailed to the Middlebury community and various media outlets on Oct. 12. That action caused more damage than the blood drive protest. The Office of the President spent several days responding to calls from alums, board members, journalists and parents. A local Vermont news station broadcasted the story and later had to issue a retraction in embarrassment. The Radicals claimed the email was satirical. While they were laugh-

ing, many members of the Middlebury and broader Vermont community had their weekends — and more — ruined.

One might pass this sort of behavior off as silly or marginal and thus not worthy of our attention. That would be a mistake. Both the protest of the Red Cross and the falsified press release were carefully planned. The students involved are not shallow, but rather intelligent and deliberate. As such, we must assume that they were fully aware of the potential consequences of their actions. Considering that, we should be seriously concerned. Far from constructively effecting positive change, these students' actions have hurt members of this community. They greatly upset members of the administration, who seek the same trustful relationships many of us strive to establish on campus, but also students who thought, rightly, that by donating blood they were doing good.

The Radicals' actions have risked the meaningful progress made by the Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) club. SRI is enacting positive change by working with the Office of the President. That progress has taken time — a dimension radicals, virtually by definition, have no patience for — in part because the student members of SRI have had to prove themselves honorable and serious.

By eschewing integrity and sincerity, the falsified press release risked greatly jeopardizing the relationships SRI has built.

There are serious problems in the world and at Middlebury. I, along with many other students on this campus, care deeply about solving them. It is appealing to look at the Radicals and sympathize with their politics. Many well-meaning students may feel compelled to join the cause, which is why the group's destructive activism must not be dismissed. Because the truth about these radicals is that their priority is neither social justice nor human rights. Their priority is themselves. That unpleasant truth is evidenced by their self-aggrandizement and ruthless demonization of others. The Radicals justify their behavior by falsely suggesting that they understand something

the rest of us do not. The truth these radicals — whose ideas, far from being newfound, have been debated since the French Revolution — refuse to acknowledge is that just because most students and faculty do not share their views is not evidence that we lack critical thinking or a commitment to ameliorating suffering around the world.

It is thus ironic that the Radicals should choose go/compassion as the on-campus web shortcut for their blog. Indeed, by forgoing any collaboration with the administration, by disregarding the hurt caused by their destructive conduct and by failing to recognize the potential validity of others' opinions, the Middlebury Radicals demonstrate an outright bewilderment concerning the true nature of compassion.

READER OP-ED

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"Because the truth about these radicals is that their priority is neither social justice nor human rights. Their priority is themselves."

A true commander-in-chief

With so much focus on the economy in this election cycle, much of the electorate has been paying little attention to foreign policy. However, with our College's reputation as an internationally diverse institution, its strong international studies, foreign language programs and global activism on the part of students, foreign policy no doubt affects our campus and the ballot decisions of everyone here.

In their third and final presidential debate last Monday, President of the U.S. Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney went head-to-head on issues of foreign policy. What came out of that debate, perhaps the most civil of the series, was another reminder of the extraordinary job Obama has done as commander-in-chief and the unpreparedness of Romney to deal with global challenges.

For all those critics of Obama's first term record, or lack thereof, according to Republicans, let's look at what he's done as leader of the free world.

The president rid the world of its most notorious terrorist, Osama bin Laden, who had been hiding under the eyes of Pakistani authorities for years. In addition to bin Laden, he took out many members of al-Qaeda's top leadership, including the second and third-in-commands and the organization's leader in Iraq.

The President has successfully withdrawn all combat troops from Iraq as of December 2011, finally ending the "dumb war" that squandered almost a trillion dollars out of American coffers and more than 4,000 American lives. This was one of Obama's priorities coming into office and he kept his word.

The president also presented a nuanced strategy to deal with what was a deteriorating situation in Afghanistan. He understood the need for stability, temporarily adding 30,000 troops, yet he held firm to the belief that the U.S. military cannot be muddled in the affairs of the nation forever.

When people of the Arab world rose

up against their oppressive rulers, the President took a thoughtful case-by-case approach to support democratic aspirations of the people, whilst keeping American forces out of harm's way. In Libya, U.S. and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies aided the rebels in their fight against Gaddafi, establishing no-fly zones and efficiently disposing the tyrant without losing a single American life.

Regarding Iran, the President enacted tough sanctions that are driving the Iranian economy into the ditch. On Russia, the president signed an extension of the START treaty that aims to decrease the nuclear arsenals of both countries. Finally, the president strengthened the military by repealing the outdated and discriminatory "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy in 2010.

In last Monday's debate on foreign policy, Romney seemed to agree, on more than one issue, with Obama. On Syria, on Iran, on terrorism. It says a lot about your actions when your opponent basically spends most of the debate saying, "Me too!"

Yet, Romney seemed to think that adopting a loud and obnoxious chest-thumping, America-is-number-one approach to foreign policy would help keep America safer. He wants to increase defense spending even as he refuses to ask the extremely wealthy to contribute their fair share. On his foreign tour back in July, Romney insulted hosts of the London Olympic Games in Britain and offended many by saying that Jewish culture accounts for the difference between Israeli and Palestinian economic development.

He is a candidate that has not thought the issues through, a total opposite from the steady hand with which Obama has led the United States of America on the world stage for the last four years.

Romney likes to say that the President went on an apology tour during his first term. In fact, Obama was cleaning up eight years of foreign policy malarkey left by Romney's own party. Just as with economic policy, this country cannot afford to go back to policies that have been tried and failed before. We need to move FORWARD as a nation. We need a true commander-in-chief in Obama.

MY LITTLE COMING-OF-AGE WORLD VIEW

This summer, I went a little Bible-crazy. It's fine, you guys. I'm fine. I had no conversion experiences, no brush-with-death leaps of faith, no immaculate conceptions.

I was neither saved nor born-again. The last time I went to church was once this summer, and I spent most of the time like I usually do in a church — looking around at the parishioners instead of the pulpit and wondering about what they are thinking when they bow their heads in prayer.

I have always had a general interest in how different religions operate, a curiosity-killed-the-atheist-cat kind of situation that I was actually born into as an unbaptized daughter of liberal atheist scientists who took me to a different house of worship every weekend to "see what's out there." I developed a tolerance for other people's beliefs, so I guess their parenting mission was a success, but I also ended up with a very amorphous understanding of what it means to belong to a faith community and to subscribe to a historically and socially recognized belief system. Despite spending nine summers with overly patriotic Evangelicals at a Bible camp masquerading as an outdoor adventure camp, attending a Tibetan mandala ceremony with a moved-to-tears crowd of ex-hippies and sitting through four years of Catholic high school masses, I had yet to feel anything resembling conviction or devotion — not to mention inner peace. So somewhere around pre-teenage-hood, a time of incomparable wisdom, I decided that religion stuff was all pretty inconsequential and relished my status as a little lost punk. If you don't understand it, write it off as stupid — American youths' most charming credence.

But at some point in the last six months, for a conflagration of reasons, I started to connect to Biblical text with a quiet clarity and certainty that I had never formerly experienced. (Note that this is a text that has been sacred to a good deal of humanity for much of recorded history, so I should probably stop feeling so visionary.) These verses were starting to meet my little coming-of-age worldview. Our worldview is that personal philosophy we develop sometime during the drama of our twenties, when we can be our most self-centered and tragic and searching.

Despite their newfound, inexplicable importance, the biblical epitaphs weren't enough to convince me to join the group. I see tiny, beautiful, universal connections and they move me, but I still balk at the idea of believing, with equal conviction, in the whole enchilada of anyone's organized religion. Most of the whole messy, human-constructed playbook seems unappealing — the orders to

attend church or to not eat meat on Fridays or to condemn other people and culture's ideas about love and life. I still grimace when I see Facebook statuses spouting bible verses or presidential candidates invoking the heavens. I still don't believe that I'd actually be praying to any entity.

So how on earth does a godless, flighty girl flirt with religion? Is it, as my mother also likes to call my obsession with Gwyneth Paltrow's blog "just a phase?" I'd like to think my "spiritual journey" has more gravitas than my cultural sensibilities, but then again, I read *Vanity Fair* more than I read scripture, so let's agree to maintain a healthy amount of skepticism in my authorial qualifications.

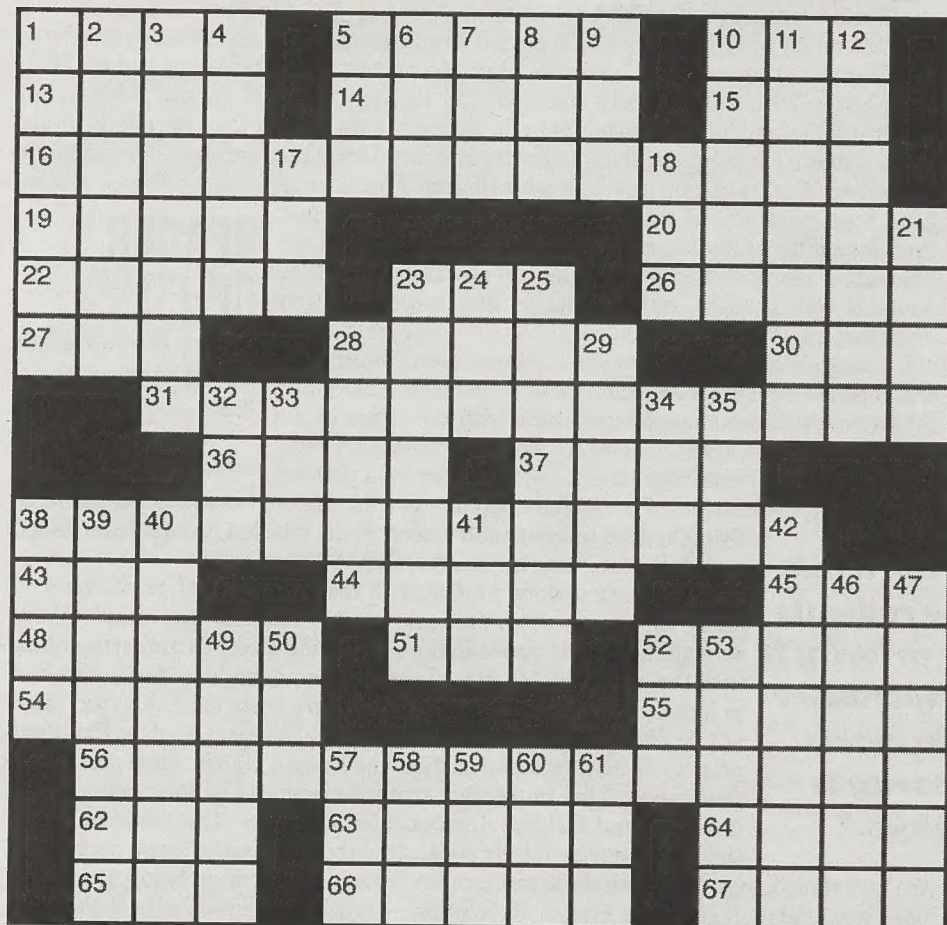
I'm hoping this column will be a bi-weekly concern with this problem, and in part, an investigation of the different opportunities of religious life offered in Middlebury. I hope to engage with some manifestations of spirituality in our daily lives — a sphere that is sometimes disregarded because of our usual preoccupation with our physical/mental/emotional ones. I will be attending masses, Shabbat, a gathering of the Intervarsity Christian group, a Hindu Association event and a Quaker Friends meeting. I will be hunting down the sacred spaces available for student use on and off campus and interviewing the spiritual leaders on campus. Ideally, I'd like to raise those feelings of curiosity and discomfort that are important to encounter once in a while — like trying out bikram yoga for the first time or going to Catholic confession, but maybe without the excessive sweat or paralyzing guilt.

THE CRACK SPIRIT GUIDE

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Campus Crossword

"Mad Ministration" by Luke Schanz-Garbassi '15 and Lindsay Warne '15



Across

1. Filmmaker von Trier
5. Colorado's Stowe, price-wise
10. Nigeria neighbor, on a World Cup scoreboard
13. _____ in the matter
14. Unit of grass

15. Middle name for the "Call Me Maybe" artist
16. Response to a joke by Dean Colorado?
19. Rumored husband of Bert
20. Love
22. Morocco's capital
23. Suitable, as a description

26. Asked for some cow chow, maybe
27. Additional stuff, slangily
28. Tofu on Sabai Sabai's menu
30. My _____, Vietnam
31. Physically struggling with Head of Dining Services Biette?
36. Annual hipster mecca in Austin, Texas
37. Landlocked Southeast Asian nation
38. Gives a massage à la President Liebowitz?
43. "I'm _____ boat!"
44. What aggressive YouTube commenters suffer from
45. Gov't. org. for Hillcrest frequenters
48. Cobwebbed place, stereotypically
51. "Gangnam Style" group
52. Mitigates, as pain
54. En _____ (together)
55. Bring to the surface
56. Motto of generosity for Housing Coordinator Hall-Kolts?
62. Aunt, in Argentina
63. Hoodlums
64. Middlebury and Waybury, for two
65. List ender
66. Acted like an angry god, perhaps
67. Ln

Down

1. Favored weapons of Philip K. Dick
2. Eastern monastery
3. Dark Side of the _____
4. Golan Heights claimant
5. MMC destination near Bristol, Vt.
6. Foxlike
7. Preceder of phone or roll
8. Tokyo, in times past

9. Fresh, in Frankfurt
10. Literally, "I believe"
11. Boat found in Madras, India
12. Battlefield cry
17. Wimbledon cry
18. Second word in title of 1996 basketball alien movie
21. Blue-pencil
23. Destination for Belgian waffle lovers, perhaps
24. "Arthur" dog
25. "The Hunger Games," for one
28. "_____ really going out with him?" (Joe Jackson hit)
29. Dull
32. WWW news aggregator
33. Last few digits of some phone numbers, abbr.
34. Steinbeck classic, on whiteboards
35. Beauty pageant winner who teaches elementary school?
38. Wander
39. Wash your mouth with soap?
40. Off one's rocker
41. Hepburn hall honchos, abbr.
42. Type of question often skirted around by politicians
46. Beijing, in times past
47. In _____ (sort of)
49. Weatherman's focus of August 2012
50. Prefix with -vix and -tifi
52. Just-saw-a-ghost noise
53. To no _____
57. Major for future U.N. workers
58. Enjoy a delicious and filling meal
59. Viscous gunk
60. It might result in a TD
61. Montreal to Middlebury dir.

IN SUPPORT OF TREASURER WILTON

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tom Salmon is a resident of Rockingham, VT.

Treasurer Candidate Wendy Wilton is reasonable, reliable and respectful. She has worked with the State Auditor's Office over the past few years to improve municipal transparency and financial management and to foster prevention of embezzlement legislation. Wilton is the VT Municipal Treasurer of the Year, a straight shooter — the real deal. Please support her like I do, for being a real Vermonter trying to improve the state. As a Republican, she is an underdog and will give some balance to the state. Please join me in supporting her. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Salmon
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ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF THE CAMERON CUP

We are happy to announce the return of the Cameron Cup at Middlebury! In years past, the Cameron Cup was awarded at the end of each academic year to the Commons which had won the most number of points through a series of inter-commons challenges and competitions. This year, we have formed the Cameron Cup Commission (CCC) to administer the allocation of commons points.

The CCC has one student representative from each commons and is being chaired by two Commons Residential Advisors. Though the CCC will play a role in organizing some larger inter-commons competitions, its main role will be the weekly allocation of commons points for all commons programming — no matter how big or small, even if the event is meant for students just in one commons. Commons points will be awarded on the basis of three categories: participation, organization and winning. Bonus points will be awarded for the number of commons involved in organizing the event. Thus the objective is to encourage more commons programming

of all sorts and also programming that promotes inter-commons interaction.

Thus, the scope of the Cameron Cup has been extended this year to be bigger than ever before.

Of course, the winning commons, at the end of the year, will receive the physical Cameron Cup, bucket loads of glory and a big prize.

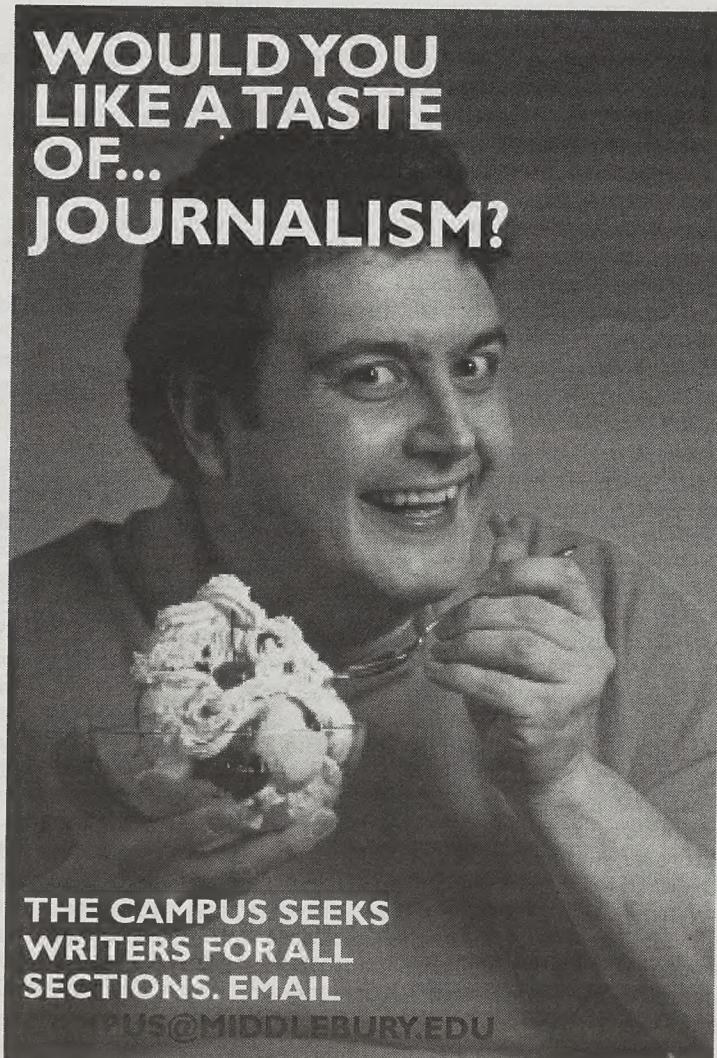
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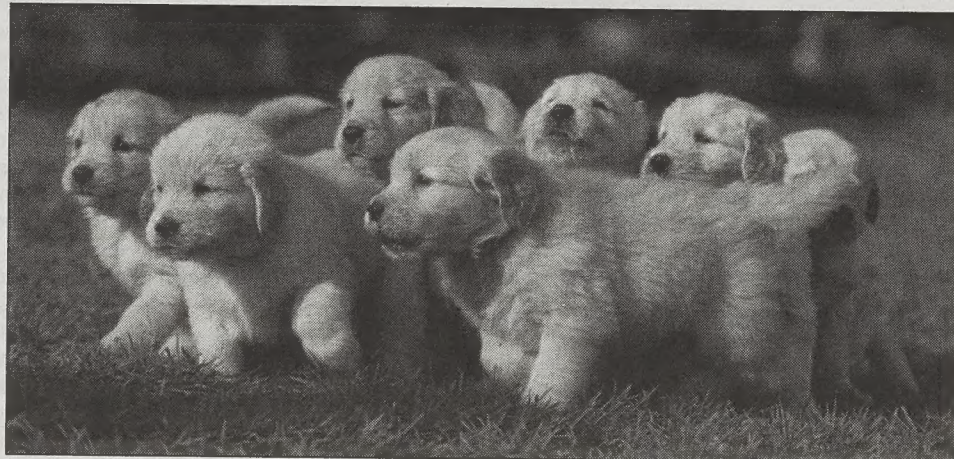
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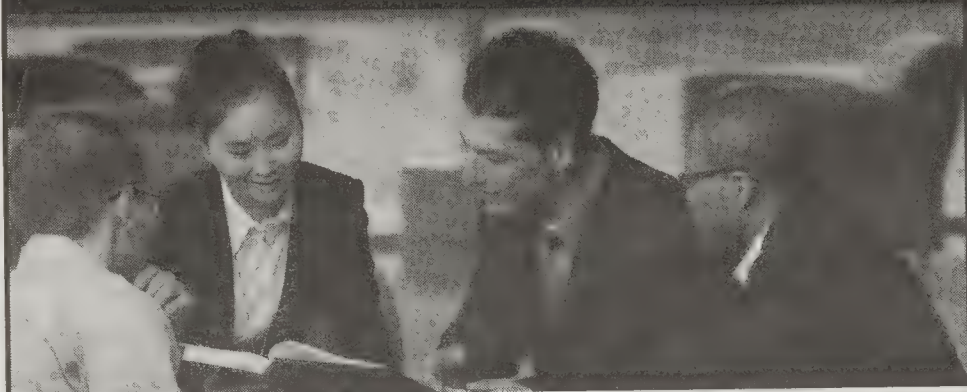
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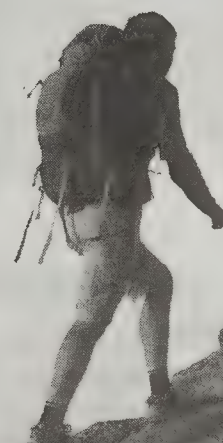
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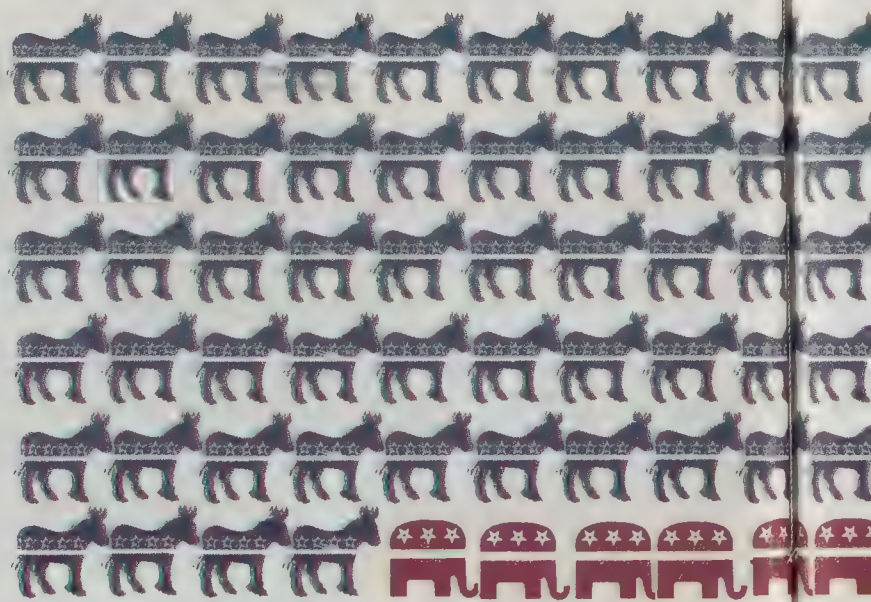
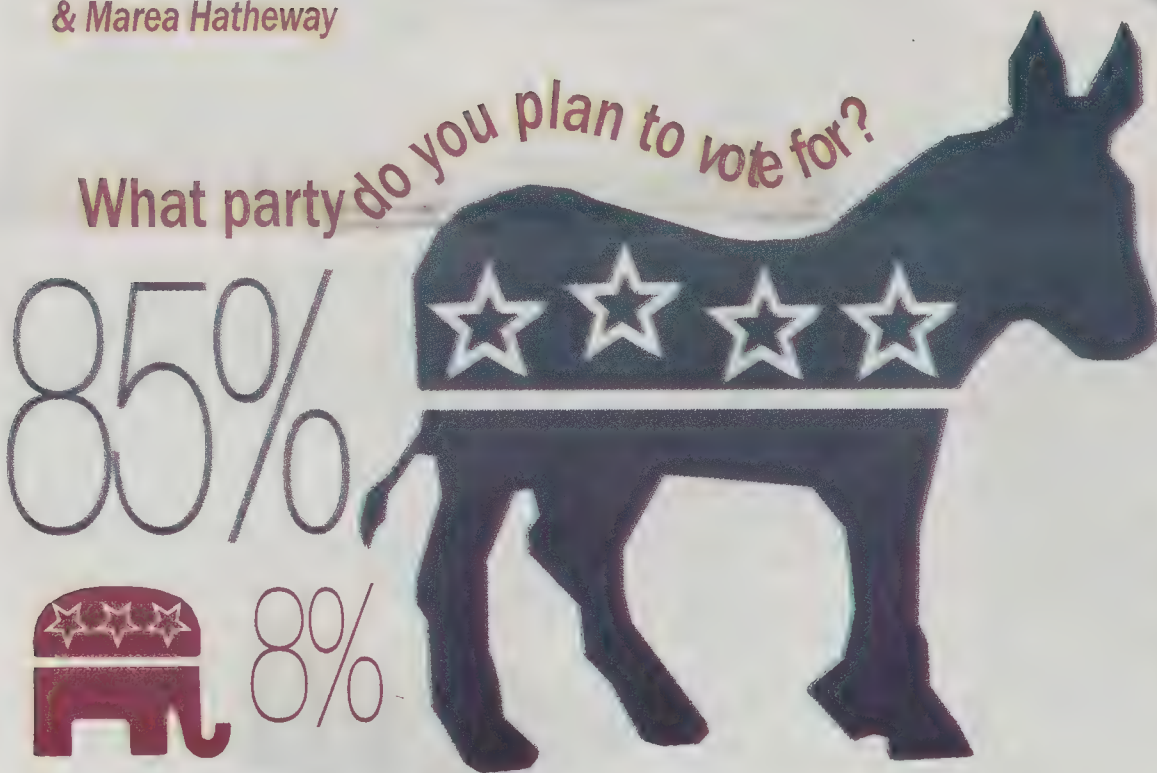
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COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

by Joe Flaherty

With the election less than a week away, the Middlebury College Democrats have been in full force, doing all that they can to aid in re-electing President Obama. Among many initiatives, the club has been organizing canvassing trips and operating phone banking.

The College Democrats have completed two trips to New Hampshire as of late. Additionally, they expect that more people will be traveling to the granite state next week for the nonpartisan campaign effort, Get-out-the-Vote.

While Vermont remains secure, the Democrats have placed focus on New Hampshire to encourage democratic participation in the neighbor swing state. They have been working with Obama for America – Vermont and Obama for America – New Hampshire in organizing trips to knock on doors.

In addition to New Hampshire, the

club has also organized trips to Massachusetts to canvas for Senate nominee Elizabeth Warren.

Aside from voter contact, the College Democrats have several other events leading up to Election Day that will include an "Election Night" at the Grille, co-sponsored with the College Republicans. President of the College Democrats Emily Wagman '13 said that this is one of their main events.

"In the past we've brought in [Professor of Political Science and Department Chair] Matthew Dickinson and [Associate Professor of Political Science] Bert Johnson and they interpret the information coming in," said Wagman. "We usually have CNN playing and they are our pundits for the night. It usually gets a really big turnout."

While Wagman said things become less active after the election is over, the Democrats will remain active.

"Things do quiet down a little bit when we are not canvassing or helping out with campaigns but in off-years

what we've done in the past has been talking politics, going through policy and talking about what we'd like to see happen," said Wagman.

"So probably after the election we'll be looking into what another (hopefully) four years of an Obama administration can do and how we can maybe push people's thinking in the right direction about that."


The Democrats have also been using social media recently.

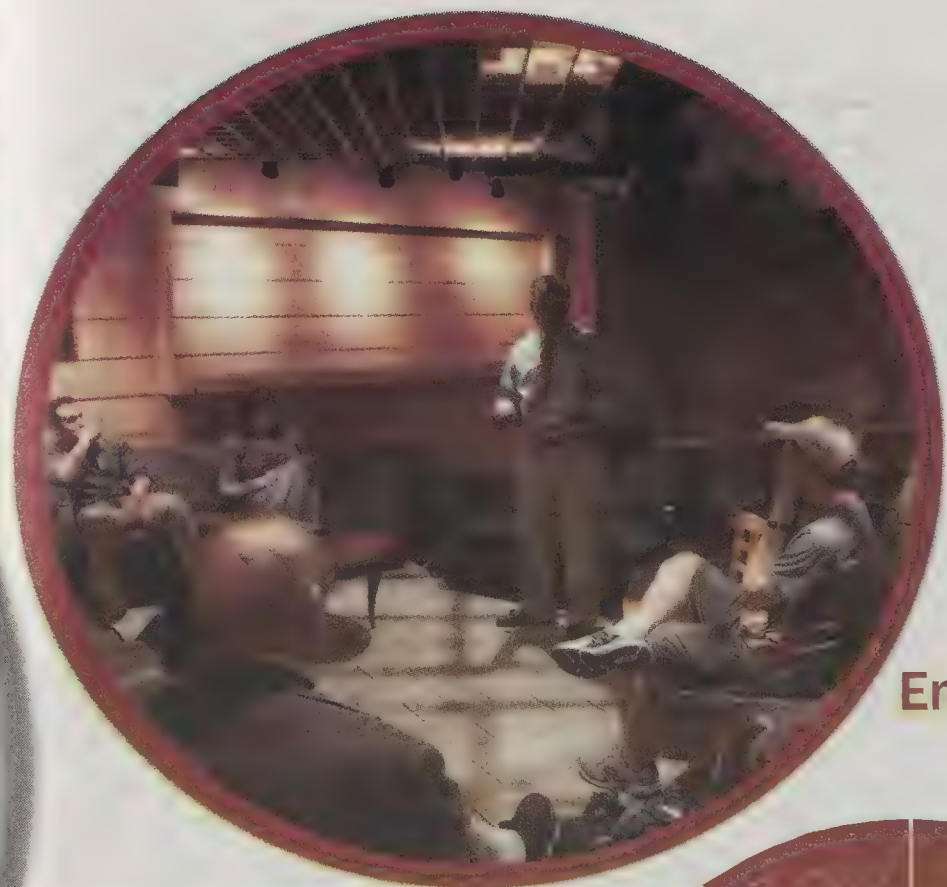
"We've tried to be more active in our messaging on Facebook, mainly. Our Facebook page has sort of exploded," said Wagman. "I think our 'likes' have tripled in the past couple of weeks." Wagman said the Democrats do a combination of messaging and volunteering. "It's a mix of trying to get the Democratic message out through Facebook and through op-eds and then taking people canvassing and phone banking." Because there are not many colleges in Vermont, Wagman said the Obama campaign appreciates having presence

on the Middlebury campus.

"It is helpful for them because it lets them send more people to New Hampshire. It's all about New Hampshire."

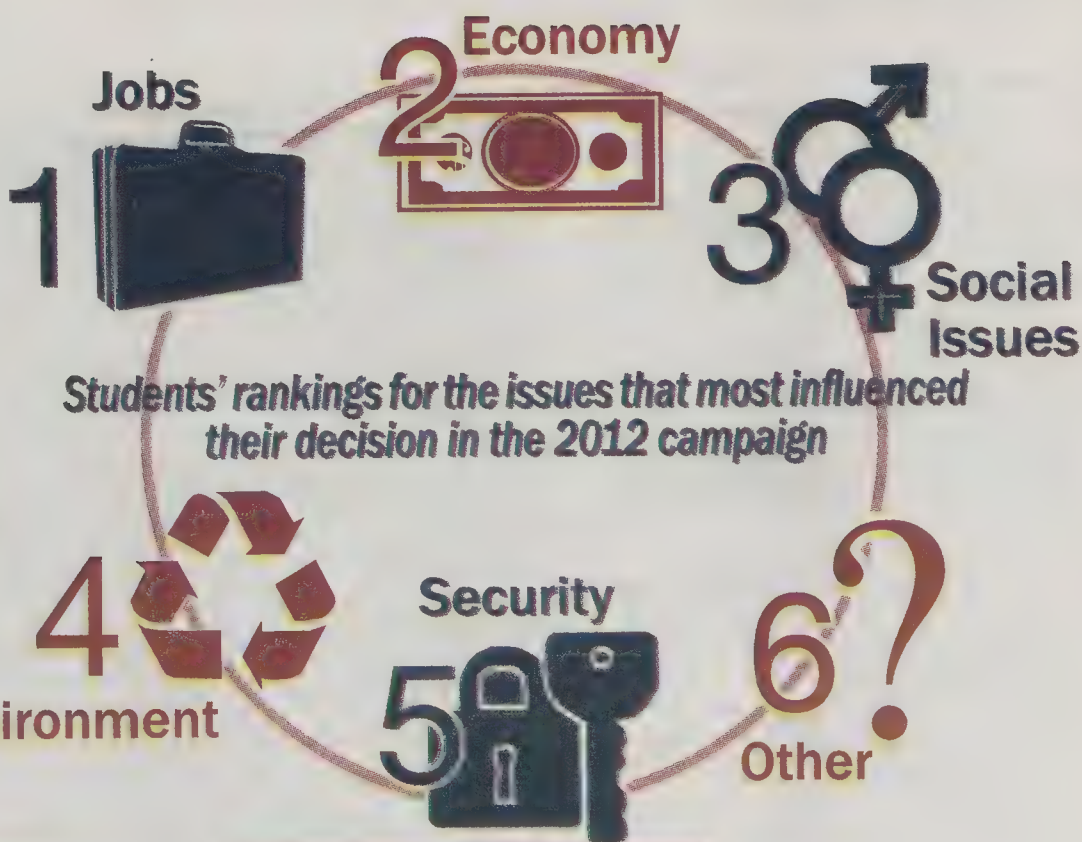
The Democrats also organized MidVote in September with the College Republicans in one last push to get people registered. The club also hosted "What's at Stake," a panel of professors talking about election issues on Oct. 25. Wagman said this election matters for college students and it is important to be involved.

"There are a lot of things at stake for college students in this election. Health care is super-important for us because Obamacare gives us our parents' health care until we're 26. Obama has increased Pell Grants. There are so many things in this election that get overlooked that are really important for college students, and it matters. Being involved is a great way to try and ensure that we can keep all these benefits that the President has given us." 



On Oct. 26, the College Republicans organized a gubernatorial forum to discuss elections on the state level.

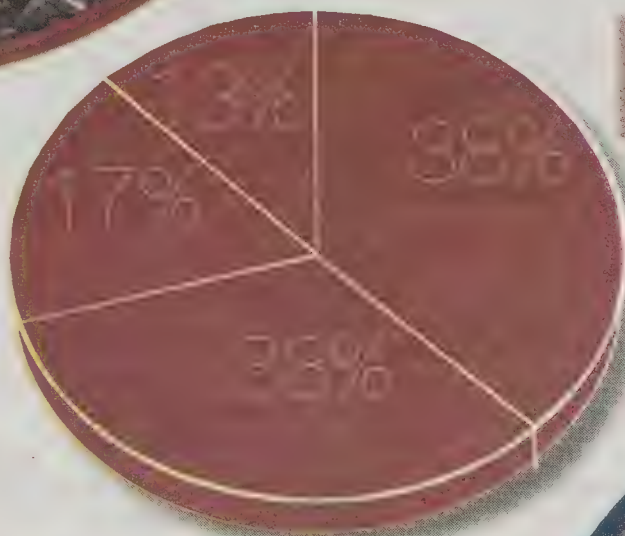
The statistics shown in these graphs are representative of the results of an online survey posted on the Campus's website. The sample size was 73 students.



What is your level of interest in state/local elections?

On Oct. 25, the College Democrats organized a panel discussion on the election called, "What's at Stake?"

What is your level of interest in the presidential race?



What party do you identify with?

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS by Gaby Gutman

On a campus with a predominantly liberal political culture, Republican students have the odds stacked against them when it comes to making their voices heard in the discourse surrounding the presidential election. The College Republicans have teamed up with the College Democrats to bring programming to the student to body in an effort to promote conversation.

These events include screenings of the three presidential debates, as well as the vice-presidential debate. On a mostly-blue campus in a very blue state, members of the College Republicans are working to open the political discussion up to include their views as well.

Dunja Jovic '12 is the president of the College Republicans. She said that the group does important work, both on and off campus, to raise awareness and spread information about the Republi-

can platform.

"Both the Republicans and Democrats work together to promote political discourse," Jovic said. "We bring in speakers, do canvassing trips going to other towns — data collection knocking on doors. We see what people are thinking, see what the pulse is on campus and promote political awareness."

Jovic said that she has faced no small degree of adversity being a Republican at Middlebury. Her interest in political activism originated in high school.

In high school, upon putting a sticker on the back of her car in support of John McCain, Jovic returned after class to find a knife mark across the side of her car. Jovic grew up in Vermont, and said that the state's distinct political culture is not as monolithic as one might expect.

"You would be surprised [to find] on a campus that promotes diversity that there is a lack of diversity of thought. That ranges from professors to

students. The campus seems liberal because the loudest voices are heard, but once you start engaging people, [then] more conservatives surface," Jovic said.

"Especially this year we have been approached by people asking us what we are doing, when are the debates, when are you guys having talks?"

As for the issues prevalent in the campaign, Jovic said that she does have some differences with Romney's views, but that overall she believes he will be best for the country.

"I am pro-choice, I am a woman and I would never let someone take that from me, but do I still whole heartedly support Romney," she said.

"It's really important to know that there is leeway in both parties." "When asked about pro-choice I look towards whether the people concerned about [it] have a job, do they have an economy that's going to support them. Maybe if you look at the underlying issue you see that the trend of people who are having the most trouble with abor-

tions is correlated with education, and education is related to the economy, which has to do with the creation of jobs," she said.

On the economic front, Jovic said that Romney's policy ideas will better serve the nation.

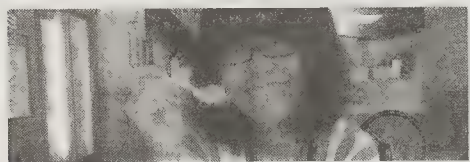
"Small government is more conducive to capitalism, which I strongly believe in. The government has grown in the last administration, but there hasn't really been any pick-me-ups from that. A small government and job [creation] are to me why Romney is the better candidate."

"Right now the job market is tough," she added. "Here at Middlebury we don't feel the direct effects."

She concluded by saying that any election is about choices.

"I want people to come to their own conclusions, but I would reiterate that people should look at the whole picture and try to see what the candidates motives are," Jovic said.

TASTE CHEESE WITH CHOPSTICKS



BY JIAYI ZHU

Everyone is talking about the upcoming election. It is the first time for a lot of my friends to vote. Although I'm the same age as them, and the change of Chinese government is happening later this year, I cannot vote.

We have to learn Chinese politics from the 7th grade to the 12th grade, but none of us ever knows how exactly the government works in China. It is true that we have tons of material to recite and remember for our midterms and finals, but I never understand what those lines are talking about.

If we ask our teachers about the abstract concepts, they will never answer our questions directly; instead, they will only emphasize the importance of reciting paragraphs in our textbooks. Chinese politics for me is never about analyzing material, but about memorizing the boring doctrine.

Besides, unlike my friends in the U.S. that may have listened to the political discussion in their family a lot when they grew up, debates on politics is never a part of the family life of my friends in China.

In my family, when my skeptical grandpa and dad discuss current issues, they will point out the fault the government and the improvement it should take. But even in my family, from time to time, my grandma will stop my grandpa from criticizing the government too much because she is afraid of the return of Cultural Revolution.

Politics is never a part of ordinary people's lives, and neither are elections.

The only existing memory about election for me is a flyer of two representatives candidates of our city on the wall of my middle school.

There was a huge title saying "Representative Election 2005" followed by a brief introduction of them; but there was no information about who should vote and how to vote.

That was my first time to see such flyers and later on proved to be the only time. My friend and I were so excited to know that the election part in our politics textbook existed! We went to the office of our politics teacher at once.

We asked our politics teacher who were the two candidates, and she said she did not know. We asked her if there was anyway for us to meet the candidates, and she said she did not know either.

I was confused. How come a politics expert did not know about the local politics affairs? Later that day I asked my parents if they were going to vote for the local representatives, they replied that since the result was set already, there was no point for them to take this action.

Most of the time I find pros and cons in both cultures when I'm comparing the U.S. to China. But this time, on the election issue, I'm jealous of my friends in the U.S. Not all of my friends are keen to vote, and a good number of them don't know local government well. But if they want to learn more about the candidates, there is transparent information out there posted online. Most importantly, their choice matters.

Value your right to vote, because there are people who do not have a say in choosing their leaders.

New school in India established

By David Ullmann

Last week, the College's Board of Trustees approved the school's first study abroad program to India. Starting next year, the school will send eight students, current sophomores in strong academic standings, to New Delhi. The school will be operated as a C.V. Starr Middlebury School Abroad.

The school will begin accepting applications from students this year, and the first group of students will go abroad during the fall semester of next year.

Classes will be offered through the University of New Delhi's St. Stephens College and Lady Shri Ram College for Women, two of India's top institutions. Students who participate in the new school will also take Hindi classes at the American Institute of Indian Studies. Those who stay in India for a full year will be able to participate in an internship to receive course credit.

This program pioneers a form of international study with considerable differences from the school's usual offerings: To begin, it is the school's first program in South Asia.

While all divisions of the International Studies program have offered programs in their specific region, South Asian studies has been an exception. Their program in Delhi promises to correct this issue.

For Anis Mebarki '15, who plans to major in either South Asian or General Asian history, this provides an essential opportunity to enrich his class room studies.

"I thought it would make sense for me to go to a place where I can actually live that culture", said Mebarki, "and not just study it from an outsider's perspective and objectify and make it this country that's just in books with these far away people."

While all South Asian studies majors are encouraged to apply for the program, the college also urges student's outside the department to apply and is even recruiting qualified candidates outside the College, according to Acting Dean of International Programs Paul Monod.

That the school offers no instruction in a South Asian language has been a major impediment. Students in this program will attend classes in Hindi through the American Institute of Indian Studies. No prior knowledge of the language is assumed.

Some, like Stephanie Ovitt '15.5, who plans to apply for next fall, see learning the language as a valuable asset in today's era.

"A lot of times in communications between the U.S. and India, things get lost and misunderstood, [and] that damages relationships," said Evans.

Mebarki believes that using English will enhance students' experiences, allowing them to approach Indian culture from a more open-minded perspective.

"I feel this will allow student's to more deeply involve themselves with the material they are studying ... It is going to be in the language that most of us are pretty comfortable in so you can't really use the excuse 'Oh I can't write this paper in [this foreign language]," said Mebarki.

For Professor of History and History Department Chair Ian Barrow, the time for better cultural understanding has be-

come increasingly important.

"I think this program has really dovetailed very nicely with increasing student appetite and interest in India, and also [the] increasing geopolitical importance of India," said Barrow.

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For Monod, this experience represents a new, open, opportunity for student's to enrich their understanding of the world.

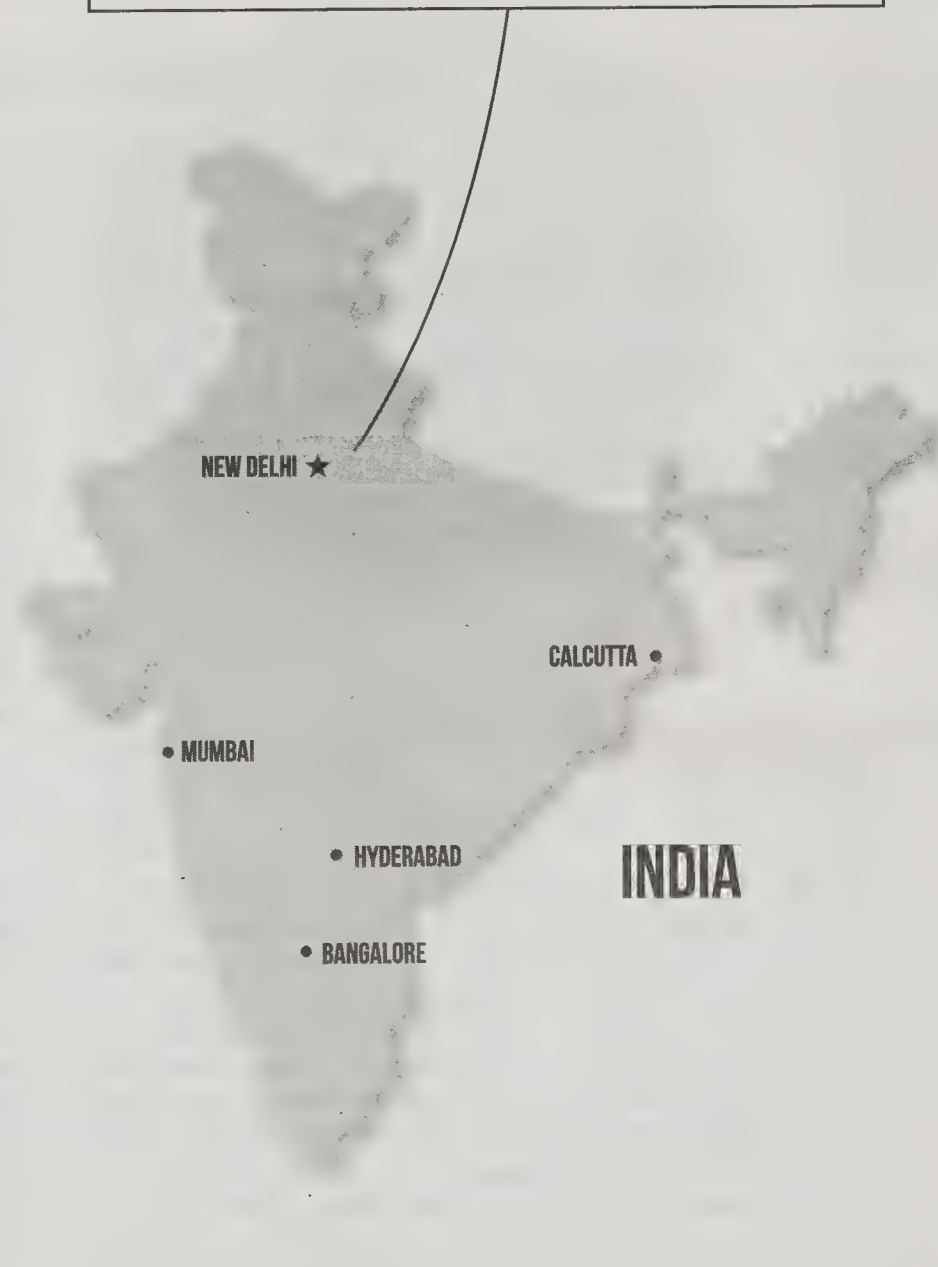
He mentions the program's lack of a language prerequisite and acceptance to student's outside the South Asian Studies programs as ways of opening the opportunity to a wide range of student's.

"It gives you an experience that combines the cultural experience of studying abroad — which in India is one that you are aware of everyday when you wake up — but on the other hand the educational experience of studying at such great institution," said Monod.

The Middlebury C.V. Starr School in India is the latest addition to the College's now nearly 40 official overseas programs in 17 countries.

The second-newest school, offered in Cameroon for French-speaking students, was approved by the board of trustees last year.

Middlebury's new school in India will begin enrolling students for study abroad in July of next year. The programs will be offered through St. Stephen's College (a constituent college of the University of Delhi), Lady Shri Ram College for Women and the American Institute of Indian Studies. All schools are based in the capital, New Delhi. Unlike the other Middlebury Schools Abroad, the program in India will have no language prerequisite.



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CAMPUS CHARACTER: DOUG SHIVERS

By Meredith White

For many students, MiddExpress transcends the services of a basic convenience store. Or maybe it is the bone-chilling excursion on a Vermont winter night that can turn a simple toothpaste run into what makes MiddExpress a true staple. Be it the offering of a wide variety of chasers on a Saturday night, a fuel stop — when 4:00 Proctor seems an impossibly distant future — or a provider of overpriced toiletries, MiddExpress is at your geographically monopolized convenience.

“There are students that come in three, four, five, times a night,” said Doug Shivers who, if you frequent MiddExpress, you probably already know. For those of you who don’t hit that tally on an average night and therefore don’t have the opportunity to become closely acquainted with the staff, Shivers is the late night guy curating your shopping experience with classical music.

“I always remember individual Reese’s cost fourteen-cents,” said Shivers, after ringing up a modest purchase of one Reese’s peanut butter cup (cherry-picked out of the bulk candy bin, a popular move according to Shivers) and a Mango Tango Naked juice. Shivers has been ringing up Reese’s and playing classical music at MiddExpress since June of 2011: language school students were his first customers.

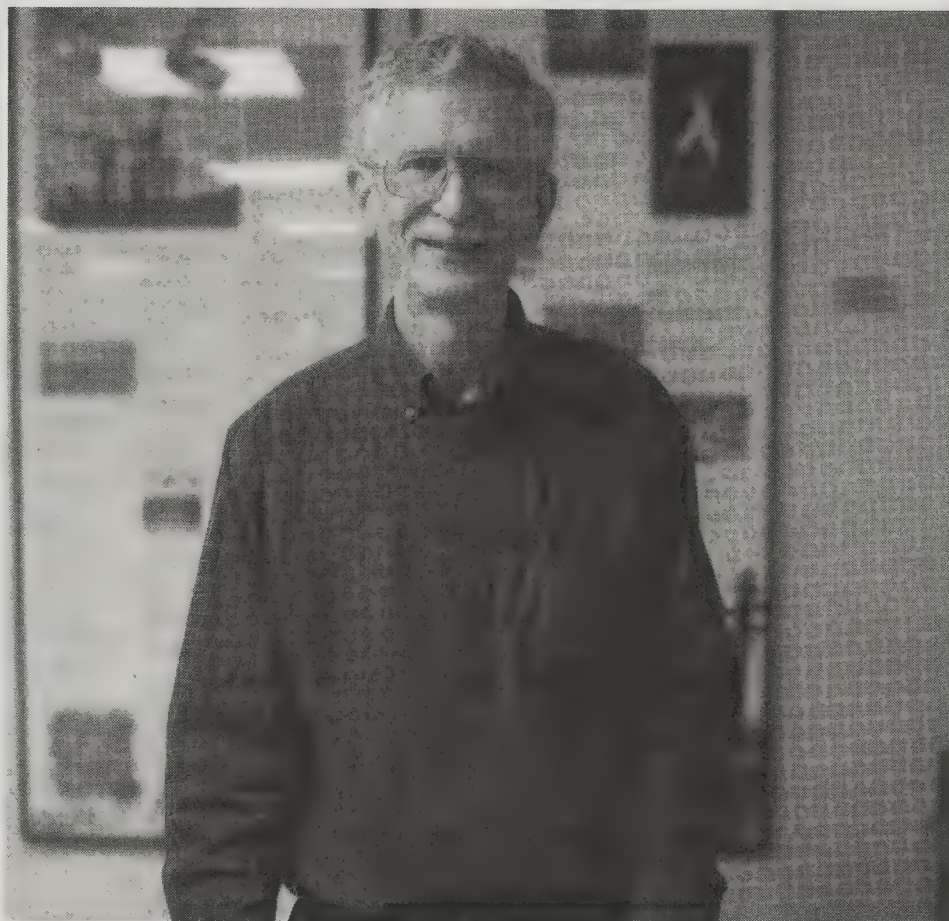
“A lot of people who came in here didn’t say anything. And then there were some who knew the rule about going into stores and would talk to me in English for five minutes,” said Shivers. “I know a little Hebrew so sometimes I would surprise them with that.”

The academic setting was not new to Shivers, though. Before coming to Vermont, he taught children at a Montessori school in Portland, Ore. for 22 years.

“Children are very, very excited about learning and they’re very creative,” he said.

Shivers detects the same curiosity amongst students at the College. With his teaching days behind him, Shivers can now enjoy a balanced lifestyle in which his work life remains separate from his personal life.

“I like to cook things. I have to really



EMILY WHITE

Before he relocated to Middlebury and became an iconic member of the MiddExpress team, Doug Shivers taught at a Montessori school in Portland, Ore. for 22 years.

fix my own things because I’m vegan and gluten free,” said Shivers. He’s been a vegetarian since 1970 when a bunch of his friends all moved into a house together and someone proposed, “Hey, why don’t we be vegetarians?” He’s the only one who’s still a vegetarian. In the midst of my conversation with Shivers, he paused to troubleshoot with the finicky cash register.

“This is our 1998 technology,” he said. He took his time to rewrap and reload the spool of receipt paper.

“I guess the slow cooker is kind of my approach to life,” he said. “I do the same thing when I run or go swimming. I’m not trying to race anyone. I look at all the beau-

tiful fall colors and just enjoy the experience.”

The slow cooker approach doesn’t always exist in the traditional academic environment. Having held two jobs that sandwich the typical educational trajectory, Shivers finds that the need for speed starts young.

“[At Montessori school] it’s always getting ready for the next step and here it’s getting ready for a job,” he said. As for the newly displayed tiny packs of Orbit for just 69 cents: “what word do you think every woman thinks of when they see that? Cute. It’s all marketing.” Shivers knows what he is talking about.

Students respond to Amherst rape account

By Meredith White

Last week, Amherst College’s student newspaper, the *Amherst Student*, published one of the most talked-about articles in recent college journalism, a former student’s chilling first-person account of being raped in May 2011.

The article sparked an international conversation about rape on college campuses and the way that college policies and administrators deal with the issue.

Angie Epifano’s account details Amherst’s neglect.

“In short I was told: No you can’t change dorms, there are too many students right now. Pressing charges would be useless, he’s about to graduate, there’s not much we can do. Are you SURE it was rape?”

The article shows that Amherst, Middlebury and other elite liberal arts college campuses are not exempt from this issue.

“There’s a false security of being in a community where you really let your guard down,” said Emily Pedowitz ’13, a student organizer of the Sexual Assault Oversight Committee (SAOC). In the same way that Middlebury’s small, intimate environment can make coming forth with accusations difficult, it has potential to have a positive impact.

“It can be really easy once there’s a feeling of solidarity to combat these assaults,” said Pedowitz.

This solidarity begins with awareness. It Happens Here, a student initiative headed by Luke Carroll-Brown ’14 and Margo Cramer ’12, made it its mission to raise awareness of sexual assault.

“The issue of sexual assault doesn’t get discussed. People think that it doesn’t exist if it’s not discussed,” said Brown.

It Happens Here hosted last year’s well-attended event, of the same name, the first in which students were invited to share their stories of sexual assault encounters at

Middlebury. “Students felt that they had confidence and trust in us because we had no ulterior motive but to share their stories,” said Pedowitz.

The Amherst article calls attention to the need to give students a voice in a forum that is independent of the school administration.

In response to It Happens Here and SAOC’s efforts, Middlebury’s administration has made some policy changes. The school now employs a private investigator who submits the assault case to a judicial board. The case is then reviewed at a hearing at which the perpetrator cannot be present. In the interest of confidentiality, the policy also limits the number of individuals at the hearing.

The college also created an Anti-Stalking Policy this year to try and prohibit the behaviors that cause sexual assault.

“It’s difficult to pinpoint trends on campus with such an under-reported problem. As a field, however, we are increasingly aware of the connection between sexual assault, stalking, and intimate partner violence,” said Associate Dean of Judicial Affairs and Student Life Karen Guttentag.

Guttentag works with the SAOC to combat sexual assault at the College, and the Amherst article led to the group e-mailing a survey out to students.

“Our recent SAOC survey made it clear how hungry our community is for more opportunities for open dialogue about all of the multiple facets of the complicated issue of sexual assault: consent, gender role expectations, the connection between sexual assault and alcohol, sexual assault in the GLBTQ community, bystander intervention, Middlebury’s hook-up culture, etc” said Guttentag.

“People are nervous about healthy sexual relationships. They numb the nervousness with alcohol,” said Karin Hanta, director of Chellis House and Women’s Resource Center who closely correlates alcohol with

sexual assault.

Yet, Carroll-Brown said that the problem goes far beyond alcohol. “Far too often, alcohol is used as a scapegoat for bad intentions,” he said.

Pedowitz chooses to keep the issue of alcohol distinct from sexual assault.

“I think there’s some really hurtful notions that it doesn’t happen here and when it does there’s this false notion that people regret what they did the morning after,” she said. Victim acceptance of the legitimacy of their assault is paramount. The College handbook’s recently expanded definitions of consent, rape and sexual assault aim to help victims appropriately recognize their situation.

The stories and speakers at last year’s It Happens Here event helped to debunk the misconceptions about sexual assault.

“It was a beautiful mix of all genders,” said Pedowitz.

Carroll-Brown emphasizes the importance of men’s involvement in the issue.

“Until the anti sexual-violence movement is one [led and supported] by men, we’ll be putting bandages on a problem that emanates from male culture,” he said.

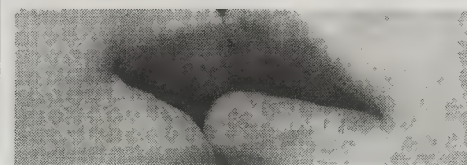
The athletics department is taking initiative. Head of Athletics Erin Quinn developed an interactive PowerPoint to be presented to all teams.

“As a department we had identified some important community standards we wanted to promote. These are all issues that are addressed in other ways on campus, but we felt as if we have the opportunity through our teams to do some additional, meaningful education,” said Quinn in an email.

To promote their sequel to last year’s event, It Happens Here will post campus maps, on which they will invite students to put a dot on a location where they had an incident with sexual assault.

“Seeing is believing,” Carroll-Brown said.

HOOKING \Rightarrow SOBER



BY SHANNON FIEDLER

In the olden days, dating began with a process of courtship. There was an emphasis on chivalry, and a girl expected to be wooed in order to be “in a relationship.” In the 50’s, in order to be “going steady,” as they called it, a boy would have to give a girl his high school ring or his fraternity pin in the process of “getting pinned.”

These days, though, things are a little hazier. Courtship can often be distilled to a sloppy make-out on the ADP dance floor or a drunken text. But hey, maybe this isn’t so bad. Change and progress are good, and we do tend to look at the past with rose-colored glasses, assigning innocence and purity where it may not necessarily belong.

But the real problem is that with this new system, one key detail becomes very unclear: How the heck do you know when you’re actually dating someone!? Try following this guide:

1. The Dance Floor Make-Out: Also abbreviated to DFMO. This abbreviation also works for Drunk as F%*& Make-Out, which works since the two are usually one in the same. A DFMO is sloppy, public and rarely pre-meditated. Your partner can be anyone from your best friend to the kid you’re crushing on who sits behind you in Econ, to someone you’ve never even seen before.

2. Going Home Together: This is a tricky one. It comes either weeks or minutes after the first DFMO, or, rarely, you can skip the first step altogether and jump right into phase two, which never works. If things stop after stage two, the “relationship” can also be referred to as a One-Night-Stand, or just a Mistake.

3. Making Plans: This stage is slightly harder to recognize, and is a little blurry in definition. Making Plans is when your hook-up partner calls you early on in the night to find out if you’re going to an At-water Suite or to Palmer. You no longer just happen to run into each other at a party and hook-up out of convenience; you’re planning to see each other.

4. Hooking Up Sober: This is it. This is when you know your relationship is going somewhere, that you’ve reached the big leagues. Your relationship has finally become real, and all your silly fantasizes are now somewhat legitimate. In stage four, you guys are hanging out on weeknights when there’s not a red solo cup in sight.

5. And finally, Dating: You are no longer just the girl or the boy, you can add the suffix of friend and you are now the girlfriend or boyfriend. You can eat meals together and hold hands in daylight. You can introduce him or her to your parents at Family Weekend and you no longer have to stress about the proper allotment of time before you text back.

And it all stems from hooking up sober. This, I believe, is the distinction between relationships and hook-ups, between lust and romance. Each has its benefits, but for a hopeless romantic like me, the first time you guys kiss without feeling you might throw up, or wake up together without a blasting hang over — that’s when the second phase of excitement begins.

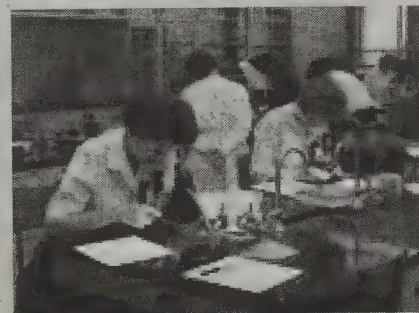
Along with all those awkward moments, there are the moments of happiness, the sparks of falling madly in like with someone and then maybe even using the L-word. It’s exciting and fun and full of awesome mystery. So maybe girls aren’t walking around with boys’ rings on their necklaces, but that doesn’t mean courtship is a thing of the past. Like everything else romance has changed with the times — but it’s still here, and I don’t think, or at least I hope, it’s going anywhere anytime soon.

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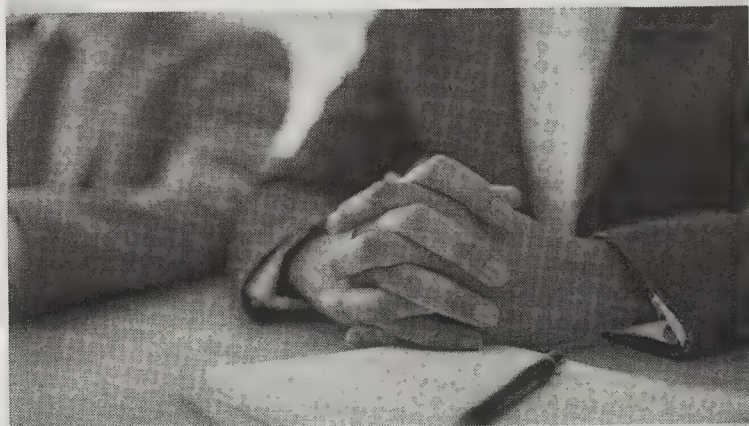
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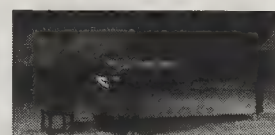
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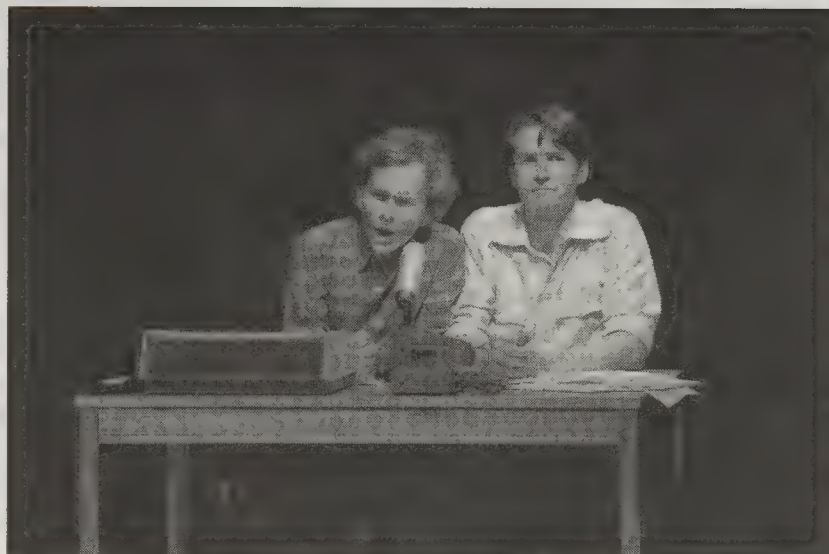
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Greater Tuna makes a splash



JESSICA MUNYON

TOP LEFT: Nicolas Hemerling '15 and Nathaniel Rothrock '12.5 begin the show as incompetent radio broadcasters on the goofy, quasi-offensively-named station, "OKKK."
TOP RIGHT: Rothrock, playing Sheriff Givens, poses dramatically with his weapon as he threatens the guilty Stanley Bumiller with terrible punishment: a speeding ticket.
BOTTOM LEFT: Rothrock shone as Bertha Bumiller, an overweight mother of three struggling with a cheating husband, a pack of dogs and slightly murderous thoughts.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Bertha talks to her youngest son, Jody (Hemerling), about his growing dog menagerie. Hemerling played all three of Bertha's equally troubled children.

By Deirdre Sackett

This past weekend, *Greater Tuna* ran in the Hepburn Zoo from Oct. 25 - 27. The show was directed by Teddy Anderson '13.5 and performed by Nathaniel Rothrock '12.5 and Nicholas Hemerling '15. This play was Rothrock's 700-level senior work for the theater major.

The highlights of the two-man show were the many character swaps that occurred throughout the performance. Each character had unique quirks, which required talent on Rothrock and Hemerling's part to master and effortlessly switch between them. The costume changes were swift and oftentimes dramatic, such as when Hemerling and Rothrock strutted about the stage in drag — a feat made possible by the talents of costume designer Emily Jacke '13.

The play begins with Rothrock's and Hemerling's portrayal of two incompetent radio personalities at a local radio station in the fictional town of Tuna, Texas. After a few minutes of their bumbling broadcast, they realize that the "on air" light was never on in the first place, and this becomes a running gag throughout the rest of the performance. This opening act was enough to get the audience roaring, but the laughs only increased as the ac-

tors embodied more and more characters throughout the play.

Rothrock stole the show as Bertha Bumiller, an overweight mother of three children. His acting chops shone through in his interaction with imaginary dogs ("eight to 10 of them!") that plagued Bertha's young son Jody. Some other notable Rothrock characters included Pearl Buras, who takes enjoyment in poisoning neighborhood dogs, and Reverend Spikes, the president of the "Smut-Snatchers of the New Order Club" who vows to remove offensive words from the dictionary like "ball" and "hot" — but certainly not "snatch."

Hemerling's most notable roles included those of Bertha's three children: juvenile delinquent Stanley, chubby aspiring cheerleader Charlene and Jody, a young boy who is "psychologically addicted to dogs." However, Hemerling's best character was Petey Fisk, an employee at the local humane society with a stagger and a profound stutter that only becomes apparent when he tries to speak his name. While I felt a little guilty about laughing at first, Hemerling's performance was such an exaggeration that I soon realized I was laughing at the hyperbole and ridiculousness of it all, and not at the portrayed

disability. Much like Rothrock, Hemerling also pulled off the high-heels look with characters such as Vera Carp, a pink-clad snob and the vice president of the Smut-Snatchers, and Didi Snively, the seductively terrifying owner of a gun shop who always polishes her weapons quite suggestively.

Though the show's main focus was to satirize life in small-town Texas, there was also a constant, subtle air of darkness looming about the fringes of the seemingly lighthearted, hokey setting. The audience was offered glimpses of this darkness during outwardly comedic scenes. For instance, in a nighttime scene in which Bertha commands her children to say their prayers, when it comes Bertha's turn, she reveals she has purchased a gun in response to her cheating husband's ways, and begs God to give her the strength to not buy the bullets.

Another unsettling scene involves Stanley, a teenager, confessing to killing a judge who sentenced him to correctional school by injecting him with an air-filled syringe, causing a fatal stroke. Other dark implications are seen in seemingly silly instances, such as the goofy radio station (disturbingly named OKKK) that occasionally broadcasts vague news about a

nuclear disaster in seven other states — Texas not included.

In all, *Greater Tuna* used the right amount of comedy and satire to prod at the quirks of a small town that students at a liberal arts college may find bizarre, humorous, old-fashioned and downright bigoted. However, the air of darkness overshadowing the farce did not fail to remind the audience that, while these are meant to be caricatures, there are people in towns such as Tuna that hold similar beliefs and attitudes, and that there is another population of America besides what we see on campus or in our fairly liberal New England town.

Beyond its social message, the show reflected the superb acting of two talented student actors. It was a triumph for Rothrock, as both his 700 work and one of his final performances at the College. For Hemerling, the show solidified his place as one of the College's most varied and pliable actors.

In addition to the acting, the other major driving force behind the show was the student crew working behind the scenes. Technical contributions came from Grace Bell '13 (sound design), Angela Santee '13 (light board) and Annie MacPherson '16 (sound board).

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11/6, 4:30 P.M., CFA ROOM 125

Paul Lewis performs final concert in Schubert cycle

By Grady Trela

Last Friday night Paul Lewis performed to a packed concert hall in the Kevin P. Mahaney '84 Center for the Arts. In 2011 Lewis began a two-year project to perform the mature piano works of Franz Schubert (1797-1828). Friday night was the fifth and final concert of the cycle, and the College was one of the few venues to host the cycle in its entirety. Considering Lewis' recognition as one of the best Schubert interpreters in recent memory, Friday evening's performance was quite a treat.

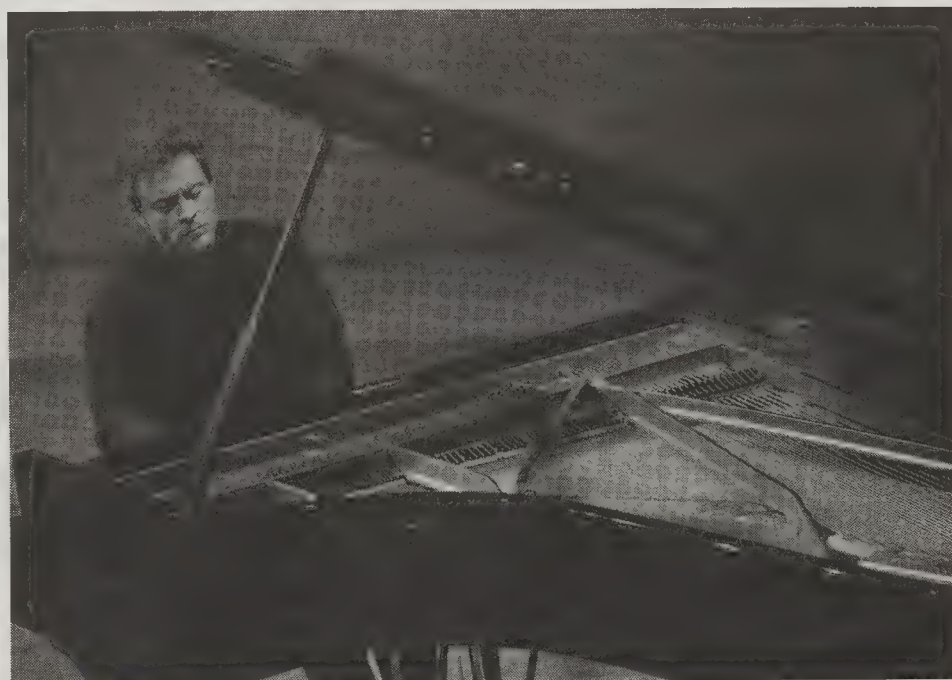
Lewis performed Schubert's final three sonatas, which were written down in the final weeks of his life and published posthumously. In these sonatas we see Schubert's vast imagination at work. For instance, in the second movement of the C minor Sonata, d. 958, Schubert introduces a tender, reflective theme in the first few measures. At this point the adagio is very balanced and diatonic. However, Schubert hints at the ensuing complexity of the movement with a subtle chromatic chord at a cadence. Not surprisingly, the listener is soon thrust into a minor passage that drudges up the musical equivalent of night to the opening's day. Listening to Schubert's attempt to reconcile these contrasting ideas before the end of the movement was by itself worth the price of admission.

I could hear distinct elements of the second movement of d.958 in the allegro of the Sonata in A major, d.959—particu-

larly the lyrical theme, which reappeared in an altered form and showed up transformed yet again in the fourth movement. As the concert progressed, one could sense the intricate connections between the sonatas, and Lewis seemed privy to their secrets as no one in the audience could be. The way in which he inhabited each sonata made the concert itself seem like one fluid process from start to finish, as Lewis played each note and passage with such conviction and heightened sense of expression as to convince the audience that no other interpretation would have been appropriate. Perhaps another way of stating the same phenomenon is that he made everything look easy.

If ever there was a lapse in the collective attention of the audience, it might have been due to Lewis's physical playing style. As many pianists tend to do, Lewis played accented chords with his entire body, as if he were using the keyboard to push himself up from the piano bench at one point. Also, during especially demanding passages, one could see the intensity in Lewis' facial expressions — his furrowed brow and slight frown — and hear the occasional grunting sound emanating from the stage and throughout the concert hall. If I've portrayed Lewis in a Jekyll and Hyde kind of way — composed pianist as he enters the concert hall and wild man at the piano — then let me clarify.

Although this intensity of expression might be disorienting to some, it merely demonstrates my earlier point that Lewis



COURTESY

On Friday, Oct. 26, Paul Lewis performed the powerful finale to his Schubert cycle.

immerses himself in each piece. Although much less idiosyncratic, Lewis's playing style reminds me of the late Glenn Gould's if only because both pianists become fully absorbed in the music when they play, this state then manifesting itself in the body as accented gestures. No one can fault a pianist for this type of expression.

Although Lewis didn't sing while he played, as Gould did, there was perhaps one other important parallel between the

two, specifically in their relationship with the music they play. Schubert, for Lewis, is what Bach was to Gould and perhaps what Chopin was to Rubenstein: an individual composer whose work speaks most clearly and naturally to the performer, who is then able to channel the music in a unique and refreshing way. Friday evening's performance suggested Lewis understands Schubert's works as few others do.

U.S. DRAG pleases crowds at Seeler Studio

By Charlotte Steiner

Outside the Seeler Studio Theater on Friday night, a palpable excitement filled the air. Students, professors and community members crowded the upper lobby of the Kevin P. Mahaney '84 Center for the Arts, all grinning and whispering to each other, "that was great." And it was.

They were talking about *U.S. Drag*. Directed by Assistant Professor of Theater Alex Draper '88, the theater department production ran last week from Oct. 25-27.

One of the only thoroughly contemporary pieces the College has done in recent years, *U.S. Drag* was an entertaining and affecting satirical look at modern American culture. It explored today's sensationalized violence and celebrity obsession, with a splash of millennial entitlement.

Caitlin Rose Duffy '15.5 and Meghan Leathers '13.5 were lovely as the leads. Respectively, they played Allison and Angela: two intelligent yet lazy young women who yearn for fame and fortune, but don't want to put in the work. Instead, they decide that the reward money for catching Ed, a serial killer, is just what they need for everlasting gratification. Duffy and Leathers did a good job playing up their characters' sense of entitlement and misappropriated intelligence, garnering big laughs from the audience.

The costumes were all clothes the actors conceivably could own themselves,

and the costume designers, Artist-in-Residence Jule Emerson and Associate Costume Designer Danielle Nieves did, a nice job appropriating them according to the characters and plot points. Allison's shift from skintight dresses to pearl and sweater combos, for example, worked especially well to mark the character's mental transition from apathetic party girl to wannabe happy housewife.

The sound designer, Allison Rimmer, executed transitions that gave a nice tone to the different scenes, and the songs were both recognizable but not entirely expected.

The show also included a strong group of supporting characters. Chelsea Malone '15 was distinctive as Mary, one of Ed's first victims. Charlotte Michael-check '15 played four different roles and was consistently funny in all of them.

The characters were entertaining in part because of their grounding in stereotypes. Chris, played by Matt Ball '14, was the epitome of a tortured artist. Greg Dorris '13 as James was the perennial Mr. Nice Guy (although with a penchant for images of battered people). Played by Adam Milano '15, Evan the Ed's Victims Group leader was comical in a way that hit particularly close to home; he was as obsessively helpful and respectful of others' feelings as if he were running a sociology class.

The characters were not so much stereotypes, as "archetypal in relation to their attitudes towards women," said Noah Berman '13, who played Ned. Ned is Allison and Angela's rich landlord who is awkward and unlucky with the ladies.

As explained at the round table luncheon on Friday, the male characters in the show all fall somewhere on the scale of sexism — ranging from hostile to benevolent. Their demeanor towards the female characters varies from blatantly



GABY FUENTES

From left: Greg Dorris '13, Caitlin Rose Duffy '15.5 and Meghan Leathers '13.5 share the stage in *U.S. Drag*, a contemporary satire of modern American culture.

aggressive to smothering and supportive. The men are never completely lovable nor totally insufferable, however, which creates an interesting dynamic throughout the show.

It helps that the likability of the protagonists, Allison and Angela, is also questionable. The girls were unapologetic about their willingness "to seek love and happiness, [but] settle for rent money." The complexity to the female characters only added to the show. In casting the two girls as neither saints nor sinners, the play became a refreshing exploration of what it means to be a female in the world today — a concept that feels particularly current given the amount of attention women have been getting this election cycle.

In addition to a focus on the female experience, *U.S. Drag* is also, at its core, a story about the desire for connection. The title, in fact, comes from the idea of a peculiar sort of longing — the desire for that "something more" — that is so distinctly American.

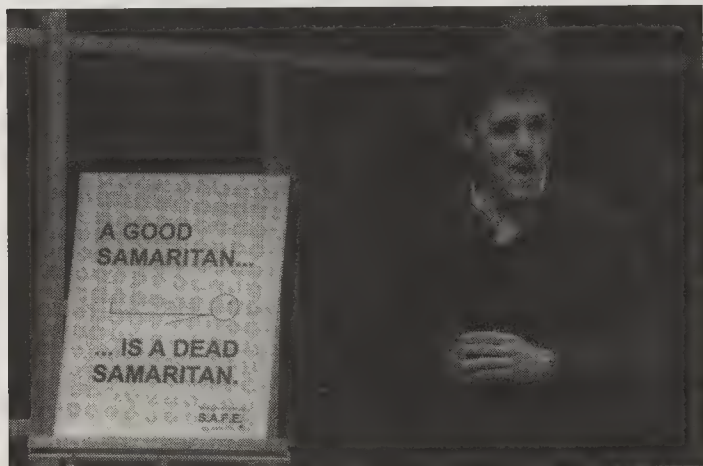
The show's dream sequence exemplified this concept. Through the surrealism of the dance, choreographed by Visiting Assistant Professor of Dance Catherine Cabeen, Allison was made to appear visually isolated from the other clubgoers.

The dancers appeared hilariously distorted and almost inhuman. The sequence made tangible Allison's feelings of separation and emptiness, albeit in an entertaining fashion.

U.S. Drag was written by Gina Gionfriddo, an award-winning American playwright and screenwriter. She was originally talking about mid-90s New York, where no one knew his or her neighbor. In a city where people interacted like ships passing in the night, Gionfriddo's play seemed particularly apropos.

Fast-forward 20 years, and *U.S. Drag* is more relevant than ever. As Draper discussed during the round table before the show, American life is fast-paced and can feel so full of emptiness. With the popularity of shows like "Jersey Shore" and "Keeping up with the Kardashians," the connection between hard work, success and meaning seems particularly up in the air.

That's a concept we constantly struggle with as college students, and last week's production did a nice job of making that connection. With its mixture of amusement and substance, *U.S. Drag* brought home the question of what it means to be young and searching — in New York, in the world or even right here in Middlebury.



GABY FUENTES

Adam Milano '15 played Evan, the Ed's Victims Group leader in *U.S. Drag*, and brought a great sense of humor to his role.

Environmental studies talks promote innovation

By Will Henriques

Standing in front of a crowd of some 50 faculty, students and community members during lunch last Thursday, Oct. 25, Executive Director of Équiterre and Ashoka Fellow Sidney Ribaux explained how his organization, Équiterre, built the greenest building in Canada with no money, land or building experience.

The process began some 10 years after Équiterre's inauguration. The organization was founded in 1993 by a young group of idealists infused with energy from the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro.

For the first 10 years of their existence, as they began to grow and establish themselves in Québec as one of the leading advocates for climate and energy solutions, environmental education, food system reform and policy change, the non-profit was based out of a decrepit building that leaked in heavy rains. They were focused on using their limited budget for their projects, as any office space would do.

But in 2002, Équiterre's Board of Directors decided it was time for an upgrade.

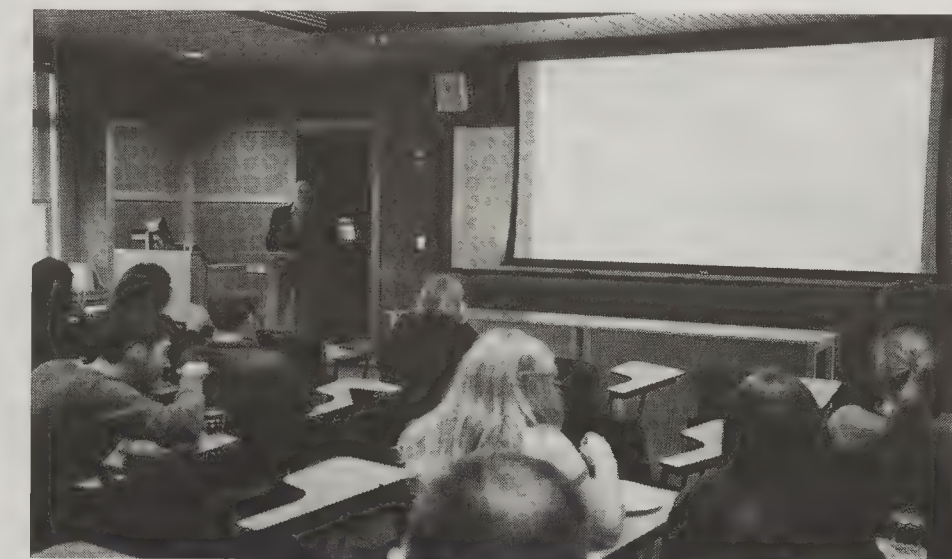
"The board told me 'You can't go on working in these conditions,'" said Ribaux. They gave me that mandate to move the organization to a new building. And then they added: 'And you're going to make this an educational project, and you're going to make sure that your move is exemplary.'"

"We didn't own land," Ribaux continued. "[We were] not a large non-profit, [nor] a large land-owner. I had no money. Our annual budget was a million dollars, but we weren't accumulating anything. We had no loose money to invest, and

had no idea how to go about building anything concrete really, apart from an educational campaign. The only thing we did have that helped was community. All we had, as a non-profit organization, was the ability to mobilize people and organizations — governments, non-profits and businesses."

Ribaux spent the next 30 minutes

explaining how Équiterre and its partner organizations went about building the greenest building in Canada, *la Maison du Développement Durable* — a building constructed to LEED Platinum standards — which opened its doors on Oct. 6, 2011.



COURTESY

Sidney Ribaux presented a lecture on the founding and accomplishments of his green company, Équiterre, at the Howard E. Woodin speaker series on Thursday, Oct. 25.

Ribaux was invited to the College as a guest lecturer in the Howard E. Woodin Colloquium Series, a speaker series sponsored by the environmental studies program.

The series is named in honor of Professor Howard Woodin, one of the four founders of the College's environmental studies program. The Colloquium's purpose is to bring in people who are working on advanced or innovative projects in the environmental field and foster discussion and conversation around environmental problems and solutions.

"In some ways it's the centerpiece of

about challenges and opportunities in the area of environmental studies and sustainability. We're insanely proud of it. Everyone on this campus should know about this opportunity. Grab a lunch, come to Hillcrest from 12:30 to 1:30 on Thursday, and you'll learn something."

Virginia Wiltshire-Gordon '16 has only missed one of the Woodin lectures this year and spoke enthusiastically of the series.

"I love going to the Hillcrest talks," she said. "They've covered a broad range of environmental topics — a discussion about collaboration, the presentation of a river management study, conversations about public environmental education — the range really reflects the scope of the environmental studies program."

Wiltshire-Gordon also noted that, in addition to the many interesting speakers, the series can help students connect with professors.

"It's also a great time to get to know my professors outside of class," she said. "I've seen both my biology and economics professors there and have been able to talk with them about what we heard. It's great to see that they are so engaged in the community, [and it is] great to have the opportunity to learn alongside of them."

Community engagement is an integral piece of the Woodin Colloquium, and it was a sentiment echoed by Ribaux as he wrapped up his presentation:

"We [built *la Maison du Développement Durable*] because of the partnerships that we created, because of the community that we mobilized."

We ended up with the building, but more importantly, we've ended up with a much stronger community, that's now supporting everything we're doing and helping us move forward."

Actually, the entire game is designed in such a way that you could finish the entire thing and not kill a single enemy. If you've been paying attention, you would know that your targets must be assassinated in order for the loyalists to succeed.

Interestingly enough, that is never the case. All of your assassination missions have non-lethal ways to incapacitate your target, which require a bit of extra work from the player. But sometimes, these non-lethal consequences can sometimes even be worse than death; for instance, allowing a target to fall to the hands of an obsessed kidnapper, or permanently taking away their livelihood.

Now, it may be silly to not try to kill guards and whatnot in a game in which you play an assassin, but the game does something really interesting with this concept. The more people you kill, the harder the later missions become (security gets ramped up as word of your various massacres spread). The plague also spreads faster and the player will receive a worse ending.

The weapons and items you're given are fun to use, as you will be given tools of the trade for both lethal and non-lethal

takedowns. A personal favorite of mine were the slightly-too-convenient sleeping darts, great for non-lethally taking down enemies from afar.

The game's greatest strength is its atmosphere. As you explore the city, it really feels as if an unseen sense of hopelessness and dread controls everything around you. Even as the city crumbles, those of the upper class and aristocracy still continue to cling to whatever wealth they have left.

The atmosphere and character designs look a lot like *BioShock*, which is not a bad thing, as Arkane Studios have constantly said that *BioShock* was a major inspiration for them. However, there was one thing about the characters that always unnerved me: their hands are terrifyingly enormous.

The ending closes everything off well. Personally I hope to see more games set in the *Dishonored* universe, but I feel Corvo's story is over and I would like to explore the other cities briefly mentioned throughout the story.

When you finish the story mode, the game gives you a fantastic mission select mode so you can go back and try your missions some other way. If you want to, you can even play this game like a typical first person shooter. But let's be honest, if you do that, you're playing the game wrong.

ONE LIFE LEFT

BY SANTIAGO AZPURUA-BORRAS

Something strange has happened to the stealth game genre this generation. While there have been plenty of stealth games, from entirely new franchises (*Assassin's Creed*) to new installments of older series (*Splinter Cell* and *Hitman*), all these games had something in common: they weren't really stealth games. Sam Fischer, the grizzled veteran from the *Splinter Cell* games, took from hiding in the shadows with his signature triple-lens night vision goggles to joining a terrorist organization in *Double Agent* and then hanging out in broad daylight in *Conviction*.

Assassin's Creed has you running across rooftops and hiding from guards, literally, by sitting on benches and by "blending in" in crowds where any individual with even slight situational awareness would be able to pick you out.

Then, we have *Dishonored*. *Dishonored* is a first person stealth game created by the French developer Arkane Studios. The first thing I want to point out about the game is this: do not let the Bethesda sticker on the box confuse you. The minds behind *Skyrim* and *Fallout 3* did not develop this game, but that is by no means a bad thing.

Dishonored casts you in the role of Corvo, the royal bodyguard of the em-

press of the city of Dunwall, a steampunk, whale-oil powered city that is slowly succumbing to a plague that turns its victims into "weepers," zombies that cry blood.

Since there is no hope for a cure, things only get worse as the empress is killed and you are framed for it.

Luckily a group of loyalists busts you out of jail and recruits you to slowly undermine the new Lord Regent's illegitimate rule by assassinating various political targets.

But the loyalists are not your only ally. You also meet "the outsider," a dark deity who enjoys giving random strangers his blessing by giving them special powers.

With your new equipment, mask and supernatural powers, you're ready to take on whatever Dunwall can throw at you.

The missions have you exploring a portion of the city while trying to track down your target and take him or her out. The game is in first person, something I've always considered incredibly awkward for stealth games, but the vertical level design gives players plenty of opportunities to find alternative paths to reach their objective.

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Men's soccer ends year with Amherst loss

By Owen Teach

With its fair share of both high points and low points, this season's edition of Middlebury men's soccer certainly left something to be desired. The Panthers quietly bowed out in the first round of the NESCAC tournament via a lopsided 4-0 defeat at Amherst, and with it began a long offseason of work to return the program to its championship-caliber stature.

Its 6-7-1 final record marks the first time that the team finished under .500 in Dave Saward's 28 years as head coach, and prompts the question of how a program typically amongst the best in the region struggled so mightily this year.

The Panthers were hit hard by injuries, with crucial players Jon Portman '13, Tyler Smith '14 and Sam Redmond '15 sidelined for significant portions of the year. Goalie Eric Wilson '13 also never saw the field. Saward commented on the slew of injuries this year.

"I think that at the end of the day, the number of players that we lost for almost the entire season had a massive impact," said Saward. "It went on and seemed never-ending, with at one point almost nine players out. I point specifically to Portman, a player

that we had counted on to play in influential areas in the midfield. I don't believe in making excuses, but it certainly had both an emotional and technical impact."

Sam Peisch '13.5 refuses to use injuries as an excuse.

"It's always tempting to say 'What if ...' but the reality of the season is that we didn't get it done when we had to," said Peisch. "The guys that played in the games didn't do enough to win. We only have ourselves to blame for that."

To seal its fate as the NESCAC tournament's seventh seed, the Panthers traveled to Williams last Wednesday, Oct. 24. Despite being tied 1-1 in the second half, the Ephs quickly countered Harper Williams's '15 61st minute goal with one of their own in the 63rd. They then tallied again in the 80th to win 3-1.

In the tournament quarterfinal last Saturday, Oct. 27, Amherst controlled the run of play from the first whistle. The Lord Jeffs converted in the 32nd minute and carried a lead into halftime. Amherst then buried the Panthers in the second half, scoring three

goals to seal the final score of 4-0. Saward was impressed with the opponent's performance.

"In my 28 years of doing this I have watched a lot of good teams, and Amherst is one of the best teams that I have seen at this level," said Saward. "I was proud how my team represented Middlebury, but the better team won and talent took over. I think that Amherst could go on a run to win the national championship."

Despite the loss, Peisch's comments showed that his team never stopped believing.

"To be honest, we all believed we had a shot against Amherst. Our regular season loss against them at home was by no means a blowout, and we had chances to get back into the game," said Peisch. "In the quarterfinal game we were simply overwhelmed by their combination of size, skill and work ethic."

Middlebury is now left to turn the page on this season and look towards 2013, a year that contains an equal measure of promise and uncertainty. Sophomores Williams and Dan Skayne '15 provided flashes of brilliance, while Saward is also excited about the development of Deklan Robinson '16, a

player who played both central midfield and defense this year.

However, without an entrenched starting goalkeeper and question marks on offense, the Panthers line-up next year is far from set.

Regardless of personnel, Peisch is clear on the team's goal.

"Our task next season is to restore the men's soccer program as a perennial NESCAC and national championship contender," said Peisch. "We are excited both about the potential of our incoming [first-years] and a number of underclassmen who started or played in a majority of our games this season. With a small, core group of four-year varsity players as seniors, we are going to dedicate the offseason and summer to achieving this goal."

Saward has a similar mentality.

"I think the talk might be negative right now, but when the dust settles the team can look at the experience and grow to become better players," said Saward. "With the addition of a few recruits, we have the pieces. We need to stay healthy, and this is something you can never predict."

Football suffers first loss

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run the football despite the imposing down and distance. On a stretch play to the left, Crick cut up field, shaking off an arm tackle at the line of scrimmage and bursting into the secondary. After nearly losing his footing, he hop-stepped around two diving defenders near the original line of scrimmage and broke another tackle at the first-down marker before scampering the remaining 20 yards into the end zone giving the Bantams a 38-0 lead.

"At each turn where we had a chance to make a big play and turn the momentum, both offensively and defensively, we didn't come up with one and when they needed [a big play] they came up with it," said Ritter.

The Middlebury offense finally ended its scoring drought on the next drive as Foote pieced together an eight-play, 75-yard drive, which featured completions to four different receivers. The possession culminated in an 18-yard touchdown pass to Zach Driscoll '13. Driscoll finished the game with five receptions for 52 yards and a touchdown — far below his 156 yards per game receiving average entering the game.

The Bantams responded, however, as Burgess, who finished the game nine for 16 for 193 yards and two scores, orchestrated a six-play, 77-yard drive. Bunker capped off the drive and the day with an 11-yard touchdown

run on his first carry of the second half.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, with the game out of hand, the Panthers' backups replaced the starters. Second-string quarterback Matt Milano '16 was effective in his first career collegiate quarter, passing for 74 yards on nine of 14 attempts and narrowly missed throwing his first-career touchdown pass. Big tight-end Daniel Finta '15 was also impressive, hauling in three passes for 24 yards receiving in limited action.

All is not lost for the Panthers who, Saturday's debacle aside, have enjoyed their most successful season since 2007. And while a shot at a NESCAC title looks grim, Middlebury would share a three-way tie for the title if Amherst (5-1) beats Trinity this Saturday and all three teams finish the season 7-1. Ritter and his team, however, are only focused on the game in front of them.

"Week to week we have a chance to go out as a group and play a game that we love and that really is the core of what we're doing," he said.

The Panthers travel this weekend to Hamilton, N.Y. to play Hamilton (1-5).

"Our guys are anxious to get going and get the taste out of our mouth," said Ritter. "We're fortunate that wasn't our last game. We have a chance to go out there and play at the level that I think we're capable of."

Panthers fall in NESCACs

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Kirk twice headed the ball just over the bar after getting open in the box off of corner kicks.

Although much of the final period was played in Wesleyan's half, the Cardinals doubled their score in 80th minute against the run of play. Foody was unable to stop Laura Kurash's shot from the edge of the box, and the ball sailed into the top left corner.

"This is not how we wanted the playoffs to turn out for us," said co-captain Amy Schlueter '13.

The Panthers' attacking frustration was compounded by the fact that they outshot Wesleyan 22-4. Furthermore, it was only the second game of the season where Middlebury failed to score.

The Panthers must now play a waiting game until Nov. 5 to see whether the NCAA selection committee will extend their season.

"We'll need to process Saturday's events, put them behind us, then get back to the business of preparing for the best possible competition next week," coach Peter Kim said. "It's easy to over-think these things, when in reality we're

a good team who had a bad game. We just need to persevere, and keep our fingers crossed that the work we've put into this season earns us an at-large bid."



JESSICA MUNYON

Scarlett Kirk '14 dribbles past a Wesleyan defender in the team's 2-0 loss, Saturday.

EDITORS' PICKS



DAMON HATHEWAY (71-62, .534)

ZERO

The volleyball team is playing as well as they have at any point this season.

ONE

It's time to start grinding out wins again.

OVER

Hamilton allows a league-worst 34 points. This is going to be a video game score.

YES

This race is dominated by NESCAC teams and we dominate NESCAC teams.

NEW YORK

This is the classic "I got this" game from Carmelo Anthony.



OWEN TEACH (38-40, .487)

ONE

Assuming that Trinity might put up a little bit more of a fight this time.

ZERO

Not a chance!

UNDER

This weekend's game is called the "Old Rocking Chair Classic." Who knew?

YES

I need this one, guys. My record isn't going to get over .500 again by itself.

BROOKLYN

And so begins the curse of Jeremy Lin.



TOM CLAYTON (13-17, .433)

TWO

But the volleyball question has never been my strong suit.

ONE

On one of those easy penalty shots though, nothing serious.

OVER

I haven't done any research on this but there's no way Hamilton is good.

YES

After finishing second in NESCACs they still have something to prove.

BROOKLYN

I heard Jay-Z is coming off the bench.

How many sets will the women's volleyball team lose to Trinity in the NESCAC quarterfinals?

How many total goals will the field hockey team allow this weekend?

OVER/UNDER 40
The number of points the football team will score against Hamilton this weekend.

Will both the men's and women's cross country teams finish in the top five of the ECAC Championships this weekend?

Who will win the first ever meeting between the New York Knicks and the Brooklyn Nets?

PANTHER PROFILE

Interviews with Middlebury's
Student Athletes

By Christine Schozer

Maddie Brooks '13 (St. Louis, Mo.) is the goalie for the undefeated Middlebury field hockey team. Brooks leads the NESCAC this year with a .867 save percentage and a .47 goals against average. Brooks began playing field hockey in sixth grade, started tending goal in seventh grade and was captain her junior and senior year of high school, when she was named to the All-State team multiple times. She made the goal her home after idolizing her sister's goaltending teammate — after that it came naturally. Brooks is looking forward to NESCACs and NAAs and hopes to cap off her senior season undefeated. She is a psychology major and a Spanish minor.



1

What are your goals for this season?

We are in NESCACs right now and definitely have our eyes set on finishing out the season undefeated, winning NESCACs and continuing to win in the NCAA tournament. It's definitely a hard thing to do once we get into the NESCAC finals and NAAs, but our team hasn't allowed a goal since September 29th, so continuing with shut outs would be huge for our [team] and for me.

2

What is your first memory of the sport?

One of my best friends from high school older sister and my older sister played field hockey together and I remember going to their games. The two of us, at 10 years old, would play with these huge field hockey sticks that didn't fit us. [We would go to] the fields next to theirs and try to learn field hockey during their games. My friend now plays at Dupont and is breaking records.

3

What is your most recent stand out memory?

Last year beating Bowdoin in the semifinals of the NCAA tournament to take us to the finals is definitely a huge memory for me. We lost to them in NESCAC final, but to get to play them again and end their season was a lot of fun. To be able to beat them and say we were second in the country last year [was] great.

4

What has been a pivotal moment in your career so far?

My sophomore year of high school I was the starting goalie for the varsity team. Playing with girls that were three years older than me and realizing I could hang in with them and help the team be successful as a sophomore was when I realized that I had potential to play the sport after high school. That's when I started trying to get more involved playing in clubs and seeing how good I really was. Playing in high school you don't really know how you stack up against other people, but I think that was the first huge step I took in deciding if I wanted to play in college or not.

5

How has life as an athlete helped you as a student?

We always joke on the team that we're such better students when we're in season than when we're out of season. I have so much more discipline when I'm in season. I work out, go to practice and then get my homework done. [The ability to] set a goal and plan [ahead] I definitely gained from playing sports and field hockey — I know how to get things done. It's definitely helped me with my schoolwork. I notice when I'm out of season and I'm relaxing a little bit more I definitely [think], "Oh, I'll do my homework later, I have time to do whatever I want." I find I'm much more disciplined in season and about getting stuff done than any other time of the year.

6

Do you still love the sport?

Oh yeah, definitely. It's weird thinking that we only have seven more games left. [Starting in middle school and then having] played field hockey year-round since I started high school ... to have that be done soon is very scary. I definitely don't love when we have 6 a.m. practices or crazy workouts — I won't miss those. But our team is great and I'll miss going to practice and I'll miss playing games.

Volleyball team caps off regular season with two wins and NESCAC's second seed

By Marie Claire Ecclesine

The women's volleyball team finished its regular season with two wins this weekend after a long week of practice leading up to two games against NESCAC rivals Bowdoin and Tufts. Middlebury wrapped up the regular season with a 19-6 record, securing the second seed in the NESCAC tournament with the win over Bowdoin.

"We knew going in to this weekend that NESCAC seedings were dependent on how we played," said s Olivia Kolodka '15. "We tried to focus on our own team goals instead of the circumstances surrounding the match."

The game against Bowdoin on Friday, Oct. 26 began with a powerful national anthem performance by middle hitter Piper Underbrink '15's mother, country singer Melanie Rosales. The performance added to the immense energy roaring in the Pepin Gymnasium crowd.

"You could tell the number of fans and the live national anthem pumped the team up and got them excited for the tough game," said Ellie O'Brien '14 who attended the game.

The home squad started out the first set on fire maintaining a consistent lead throughout, attesting to O'Brien's comment.

The first set ended quickly with a decisive 25-13 win for the Panthers. The second set proved to be more of a challenge, however, and Bowdoin eventually won the set 19-25. Middlebury won the last two sets (25-21, 26-24) winning the match 3-1.

Megan Jarchow's '14 spikes dominated the game with a match-high 13 kills, while Caitlin Barrett '13's 17 digs saved the team from multiple powerful shots from Bowdoin's talented front hitters. Barrett's passion for the team was infectious and apparent in her play as she threw her body left and right to save shot after shot.

The Panthers second win of the weekend occurred Saturday, Oct. 27 at home against Tufts. The squad shut

down the Jumbos 3-0, clinching the NESCAC's second seed. Tufts gave Middlebury a challenging first set that the Panthers eventually won 25-21. After a comfortable second set, which Middlebury won 25-13, the Panthers completed the sweep with a narrower 25-20 victory in the third and final set. Amy Hart '14 and Julia Gibbs '13 had outstanding games with nine and eight kills, respectively. Gibbs also impressed the crowd with 12 assists.

The Panthers will now prepare for the NESCAC tournament and the beginning of postseason play. They will take on Trinity in the quarterfinals on Friday, Nov. 2 at Connecticut College.

The Panthers defeated the Bantams in straight sets on Oct. 13, a match in which Hart and Jarchow lead a stellar offensive attack. Hart recorded 16 kills, while Jarchow chipped in with 13 of her own.

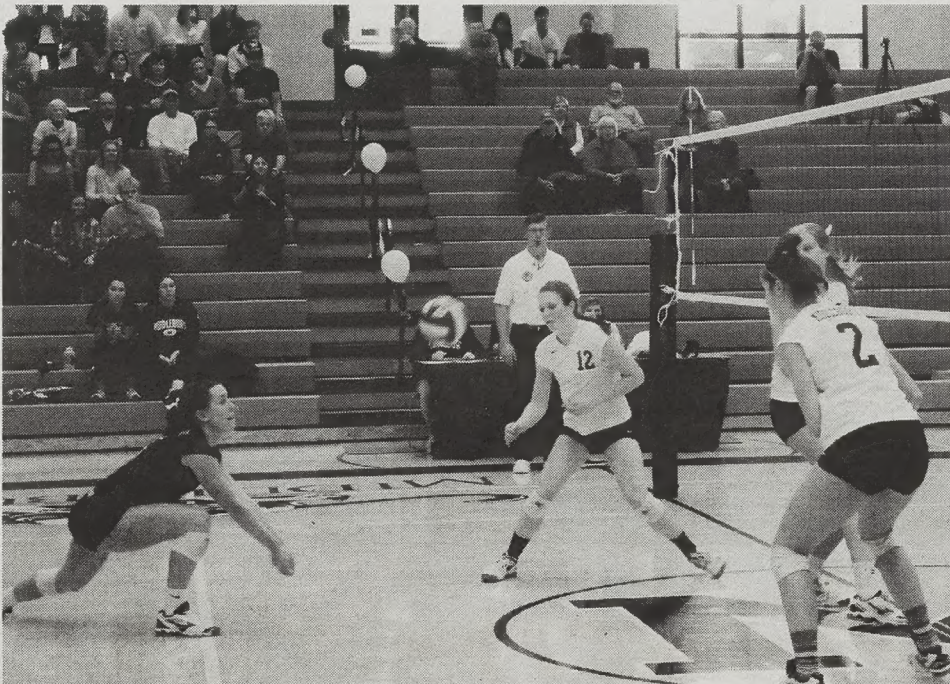
Trinity has played at an even .500 (3-3) since its encounter with the Panthers. Middlebury, on the other hand, has

found its stride, going 5-1 over the past three weeks leading up to postseason play.

Kolodka and the rest of the team bring a focused mentality into this weekend's NESCAC contest.

"As a team we try and approach every match as an opportunity to play the best we can regardless of who is on the other side of the net," said Kolodka. "Teams can play up or play down on any given day, and expecting a team to roll over can lead to a lack of mental discipline and a lot of unforced errors. We will get ready for our game against Trinity the same way we do for every game — by working as hard as we can and looking to play our best."

Connecticut College, Bowdoin and Amherst round out the rest of the formidable top-four seeds in a tournament that will be hard to predict. All eight teams involved finished the regular season at .500 or above. A champion will be crowned on Sunday.



Caitlin Barrett '13 lunges for a dig as Julia Gibbs '13 and Amy Hart '14 look on. The Panthers defeated Bowdoin and Tufts to secure a quarterfinal match against Trinity.

BY THE NUMB3RS

33 Number of days since the Field Hockey team has allowed a goal. It came Sept. 29 at Wesleyan.

Number of points the men's cross country team (69) finished behind first-place Tufts (66) in the NESCAC championship race. 3

318 Difference in rushing yards between Trinity (385) and Middlebury (67) last Saturday.

Number of dollars (million) the NHL has lost in revenue by canceling all games through December 1st. 720

4 Number of goals scored by Lauren Greer '13 in the NESCAC quarterfinal game. Beast.

The number of consecutive games the Trinity football team has won at home after beating Middlebury Saturday, the longest streak in the country. 46

THE MIDDLEBURY GR8

RANKING	TEAM	Tom's thoughts
1	FIELD HOCKEY	Another win, another week as the greatest of the eight.
2	MEN'S RUGBY	The undefeated side can earn a berth in Nationals with a win.
3	WOMEN'S RUGBY	They're playing for the conference title this weekend.
4	VOLLEYBALL	Two wins this past weekend propel them into NESCACs.
5	WOMEN'S SOCCER	Waiting to see if they get an at-large bid to NAAs.
6	FOOTBALL	Derailed last weekend at Trinity.
7	CROSS COUNTRY	A pair of second place finishes in NESCACs.
8	MEN'S HOCKEY	An optimistic pick for the opening day of winter sports.

Cross country races in NESCACs

By Gabe Weissman

The Middlebury men's and women's cross-country teams both placed second out of the 11-team fields in the NESCAC Championships held at Bowdoin College this past Saturday. The second place finishes were great signs of success for the Panthers as the NESCAC is notorious for its highly competitive cross-country teams.

The Middlebury men's eight-kilometer, 124-man race was highlighted by a fourth-place finish from senior captain Jack Davies '13 with a time of 24:32.83. Davies finished just six seconds behind first-place finisher Coby Horowitz of Bowdoin. Davies' performance was complemented by a 10th-place finish from Nate Sans '14, a 15th-place finish from Kevin Wood '15 and an 18th-place finish from Greg Krathwohl '14. With the help of these top finishes, along with other top-30 finishes from captain Patrick Hebble '13 and Wilder Schaaf '14, the Middlebury men were able to capture the second-place team finish overall, losing by only three points to Tufts.

Senior Addie Tousley '13 led the Panther women, finishing with a time of 21:20.62 in the 6K race, earning her second place in the 125-woman field. Tousley finished 47 seconds after Amherst senior Keri Lambert. The Panthers were also aided by 10th-, 11th- and 24th-place finishes by Emily Atwood '14, Sarah Guth '15 and Katie Rominger '14 respectively, among other Middlebury top-30 finishes. The Panthers

finished as the runner ups behind Williams who defended its NESCAC Championship win in 2011.

Going into the race the men's and women's teams were ranked fifth and second respectively in the NESCAC.

"This was a really true team performance," said coach Nicole Wilkerson after the races. "Going into the conference meet we hadn't seen many teams in our conference. We knew that we were going against high quality teams. It was great to see that we lined up well against them."

Wilkerson also noted that it was great

to see the Middlebury teams perform so well given that most of the training they have been doing of late is for future races.

Not only was this past race a true team performance, but also it demonstrated the ability for some of the younger runners to step up when needed as seen by the top-15 finishes from sophomores Guth and Wood.

Both the men's and women's teams have a tough schedule ahead of them, beginning with the ECAC Championship in Williamstown, Mass. next Saturday with a field of over 50 teams.

PANTHER SCOREBOARD

MEN'S RUGBY vs. AIC	48-19 W	Saturday's match pits MCRC against BC to decide the conference title.
WOMEN'S RUGBY vs. Bates	59-5 W	Advancing on Saturday to the conference final at Bowdoin.
WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. Wesleyan	2-0 L	The shocking loss at home puts their postseason hopes in limbo.
FOOTBALL vs. Trinity	45-7 L	Trinity fought in honor of Greek life; the Panthers played like a night at ADP.
FIELD HOCKEY vs. Connecticut College	7-0 W	No surprise here. Amherst visits Saturday.

MCRC, MCWRC defeat conference rivals

By Tom Clayton

The men's and women's rugby clubs both won handily over the weekend. The men's side beat visiting American International College (AIC) 48-19, and will advance toward the season's final two matches with a 5-0 record. The women defeated Bates on the road, 59-5, in the final regular season match.

The Middlebury College Men's Rugby Club (MCRC) hosted AIC at Youngman Field in Middlebury Alumni Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 27. Captain and All-American Brian Sirkia '13 led the scoring again with 18 total points on five conversions, one penalty, and one try.

A revolving side of dangerous runners, who, one after another, broke deep runs to convert possession into points, powered the offense. Seven different players scored the seven tries that gave the Blue a commanding win.

"Our offensive success revolves around support play, and particularly in the last couple of weeks we've seen scores from plays where a lot of different people have had their hands on the ball," said veteran Dylan Whitaker '13. "Like any good team, we have specific plays we run in set pieces, but our real strategy is to always support each other through the whole play, and having 15 men on the field that everyone can trust is a big part of that."

The side rotates 23 men through the 15 on-field positions, and the various offensive combinations dominated possession by supporting the ball at every chance. A

number of individual efforts punctuated the team-wide effort, including a 30-meter dash to the try zone from first-year Cole Baker '16.

"Everyone is focused on becoming the first team to succeed in Division I," said Sirkia. "Everyone knows that we need to play our absolute best every game to accomplish that."

At 5-0, the Blue sit atop the two-year-old East Coast Rugby Conference (ECRC). After struggling last year in their inaugural season of Division I-AA conference play, the Blue have lately secured a spot among the top teams in the ECRC conference. The win on Saturday cleared a path to this weekend's crucial matchup against Boston College, the last remaining contender for the top spot in the conference.

"BC has a very good rugby program, and that's why they are close to the top of our division," said coach John Phillips. "Similar to us, they like to play an expansive game, so it should be a very exciting game."

Though the offense continued to flourish on Saturday, the 19 points allowed on the defensive side of the ball were cause for concern. A number of players also emerged from the match battered. Luke Downer '13 went down with a broken collarbone, a significant loss for the foreseeable future.

If high stakes and brutality are in the nature of the game, the intensity will only increase in the coming matches.

"We need to take each game seriously because one loss could cost us the season," Sirkia said.

Saturday's match at home against Boston

College will likely decide the conference champion, with the winning team getting a bid to the national tournament in the spring.

MCRC will play Southern Connecticut the following weekend in a match rescheduled from earlier in the fall.

Meanwhile, the Middlebury College Women's Rugby Club (MCWRC) capped a resurgent regular season with a win at Bates.

Eight separate players found the try zone, including a pair from both flyhalf Julia Gulka '13 and flanker Sarah Minahan '14. Captain and scrum half Jess Berry '13 also converted twice to round out the scoring.

"We went into the game knowing we had to score more than four tries in order to be able to compete against Bowdoin in the championships," Berry said. "We all knew we deserved a shot to contend to be the number one team in the NESCAC, and on Saturday we proved we deserve that opportunity."

The women dominated possession from the scrum and wore down the Bates line. The controlling back line play of Berry and company allowed for a series of long, nimble, scoring runs from Melanie Haas '13, Laura Hoffman '15 and Julianna Gardner '13. The attack soon opened a wide margin from which Bates could never recover.

After finishing the regular season second in the league with a 4-2 record, MCWRC earned a berth in the NESCAC championship match this Saturday against first-ranked Bowdoin Saturday, Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. against Bowdoin in Brunswick, Maine. Bowdoin shut out MCWRC 26-0 at Rutland on Oct. 15.

OH, GENO

The outspoken and oft-controversial University of Connecticut women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma made headlines again last week advocating that the NCAA should lower the rims in women's college basketball in order to make the game more popular. Auriemma's comments created a firestorm of responses on both sides of the issue ranging from open support to fiery opposition that went as far as to call his comments sexist.

Auriemma argued that his idea is consistent with other discrepancies in men's and women's sports. The net in women's volleyball is shorter than the net in the men's game; tee boxes in women's golf are closer to the hole; and the women's basketball is smaller and lighter than the men's ball. Auriemma also cited the difference in height between the average men's player and the average women's player, which he estimated to be about six inches. Mustering all the political skill he could, the winningest male coach in women's basketball suggested that the rims should be lowered 7.2 inches in honor of Title IX, which was passed in 1972 and is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

While Auriemma can use whatever rhetoric he wishes, many, including junior guard Sarah Marcus '14, believe that lowering the rims would hurt the women's game.

"Trying to popularize a sport to the degree of its male counterpart would perpetuate the male-dominated power structure that exists within society," said Marcus. "By lowering the rims, the NCAA would be telling women that men are inherently better at the sport."

"To [improve] the level of play in women's basketball we need not further the separation that exists between the men's and women's game, but rather encourage a union between the two games," she continued. "The women's game will only get more exciting when girls become less afraid to play basketball with the guys, not when it is made more difficult."

Perhaps it is impossible to look beyond the immediate juxtaposition between men's and women's basketball, but I believe that Auriemma's suggestion has merit. Pushing aside, for a moment, the differences between women's and men's abilities — an argument certain to draw strong, polarized views — Auriemma's is most convincing when you look at women's basketball through the lens of sports in America more broadly.

Athletics, college and professional, men's and women's, is about making money. And in the 21st century, the demand for more scoring and greater pace of play has driven every league in the United States to change the way the game is played and officiated.

Long before player safety became one of the NFL's top priorities, the league rewrote the rulebook limiting what is considered legal contact, thereby incentivizing more passing and ultimately creating the up-tempo, high-scoring game we watch today. In the MLB, multiple teams have opted to move their fences closer to home plate, heeding the cries of fans and players who want to see more runs scored and fewer pitching duels — once considered the pinnacle of the sport. The emphasis on allowing greater scoring is most blatant in the NBA where defenders are not allowed to spend three straight seconds in the key, traveling is like an infomercial — often seen, but rarely called — and the continuation rule allows players to make "and-one" plays seconds after the foul takes place. Even college basketball has followed suit. Last year the NCAA implemented the cylinder area underneath the basket, outlining where players are restricted from taking charges — a rule dissuading good help defense and encouraging more NBA-style finishes.

Auriemma's idea, therefore, should not be dismissed summarily because it creates a greater distinction between the men's and women's game. If Auriemma's idea is struck down, it should be on the basis that it would drastically alter the shooting mechanics of women players — something that Marcus noted as well — or because having different sized hoops for men and women is infeasible.

I cannot agree, however, that different sized hoops creates greater gender inequality. We will achieve total gender equality not when we eliminate the differences between genders, but rather when we fully understand and accept those differences. Arguing for lower rims is no more an indictment of women than calling for smaller ballpark dimensions is of men. Auriemma's idea should be considered on its merits, not dismissed on its assumptions.

—Damon Hatheway '13.5 is a sports editor from London, UK.

Greer scores four in tournament opener

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streak of eight consecutive shutout wins. Both figures are school records. The team has not allowed a goal since its Sept. 29 game at Wesleyan. Brooks's goals-against average of 0.46 is also tied for first amongst Division III players.

"That stat really reflects how strong we are on defense all over the field, starting with the forward line and going all the way back to the goalie," said Souther. "I think we all enjoy the shutouts and will work to keep up our streak, but in the end a win is a win."

Greer currently leads the nation in both goals per game (2.07) and points per game (5.0), and is on track to break her own school records for both goals and points in a season. The Panthers advance to play Amherst in a semifinal game at home Saturday, November 3. The fifth-seeded Lord Jeffs defeated Trinity in an overtime quarterfinal contest to reach the semifinals. Middlebury defeated Amherst 3-1 in the teams' first meeting over a month ago on Sept. 23.



The Panthers celebrate one of seven goals scored against Connecticut College.

"We will be playing a lot of really good teams coming up so it will be a little tougher, but I think we're all excited for the challenge," said Souther. "I would say

our primary goal is to win, go out there and outplay our opponents and hopefully maintaining our shutout streak will follow suit."

Panthers smoke Camels in NESCAC tournament

By Fritz Parker

After wrapping up the regular season with a win over Williams, the top-ranked Middlebury field hockey team rolled past eighth-seeded Connecticut College in a NESCAC tournament quarterfinal match on Saturday, Oct. 27, jumping ahead early and never looking back en route to a 7-0 victory.

Having already clinched the top seed for the NESCAC tournament with their win over Bates, the Panthers went on the road to Williams for their regular-season finale on Wednesday, Oct. 24, defeating the host Ephs by a score of 4-0. After 22 minutes of scoreless play, Cat Fowler '15 bested the Williams keeper to give Middlebury the edge. Lauren Greer '13 added a goal minutes later to give the Panthers a 2-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Katie Theiss '14 and Anna Kenyon '16 each found the net for the Panthers,

sealing the 4-0 win. Greer led the Middlebury attack with a goal and two assists, while Fowler finished with a goal and an assist of her own. Goalkeeper Madeline Brooks '13 played all 70 minutes en route to the shutout.

"Just being confident and playing behind such a strong unit of defense allows me and the rest of the team to focus on other aspects of the game," said Brooks. "They certainly make my job in [the] net easier."

In defeating Williams, the Panthers finished the regular season with a record of 14-0, their first perfect regular season since 2004.

Returning to action in its quarterfinal contest at home against Connecticut College, Middlebury got on the board early once again with a first-minute goal from Greer. Kenyon then converted off a feed from Theiss for a score before Greer found the net again, this time with an assist from Alyssa Dimaio '15. Greer

completed the first-half hat trick 20 minutes in, taking a pass from Fowler off of a penalty corner and beating the Camels' keeper. The assist was Fowler's 15th of the season, just one shy of Greer's school record of 16 set last season.

The Middlebury defense also allowed neither a shot nor a penalty corner in the first half.

"Our defense has been extremely poised all over the field," said Margaret Souther '13. "Especially in playoffs as the games become more and more competitive, we try to play a clean, deliberate game."

The Panthers continued their strong play in the second half, as Greer scored her fourth of the game on a penalty corner. Fowler then found the cage for Middlebury, corraling a loose ball at the top of the circle and sending a hard shot past the keeper for the score. The Middlebury defenders continued their tough play in the half, with Brooks making a spectacular stop — coming out of goal to deflect the



JESSICA MUNYON

Lauren Greer '13 gets heated during a scramble in front of the net. Greer scored four times in the 7-0 win against Connecticut College.

ball away from a charging Camel attacker — to hold Connecticut College scoreless. Fowler's second of the game gave the Panthers a 7-0 lead, which they retained over the final 25 minutes for the win.

"I have confidence in every single player that we put on the defensive line," said Brooks. "I

know that if [Souther,] Meredith [Rowe '15] or Tayla [Satkwich '15] gets the ball inside the circle, they will clear it out and will make the necessary play to get the ball back on offense."

The shutout was Middlebury's ninth of the season, including a

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Top-seeded Panthers shocked by Wesleyan in tournament opener

By Alex Morris

It was an up and down week for the Panthers. While the Middlebury women's soccer team secured the top seed in the NESCAC tournament with a 3-1 away win against Williams on Wednesday, Oct. 24, its short run in the tournament ended just days later on Saturday, Oct. 27 after a 2-0 upset against eighth-seeded Wesleyan in the quarterfinal.

Against Williams, the Panthers controlled the game from the outset with fine-tuned passing. Their first goal came in the 14th minute when Julia Favorito '14 converted Scarlett Kirk's '14 cross from the left sideline, first controlling the ball with her head and then sending it over opposing keeper Laura Wann. Despite outshooting the Ephs by 6-3 in the opening frame, the score remained 1-0 after 45 minutes.

Williams started the second half strong by leveling the score in the 52nd minute by way of a powerful strike from Carla Nicasio. Though Williams played with renewed energy, Middlebury kept pushing for a winner.

The breakthrough came 13 minutes later on a Middlebury counterattack. Kirk, named NESCAC Player of the Week with goals in three straight contests, cemented herself as the Panthers' leading scorer after tucking the ball in the net past the oncoming Williams goalkeeper.

"Everyone on our team has her role, and considering that I play forward, one of my roles is to score, assist or be involved in the goals we score. By scoring I



LEAH FESSLER

Rachel Madding '13 rips a left-footed shot by a Wesleyan defender.

feel like I am playing my part on the team," Kirk said.

The Ephs nearly tied the game just minutes after, as Crystal Lewin was able to get three shots off in Middlebury's 18-yard box, but the ball ricocheted off Panthers defenders before Elizabeth Foody '14 cleared the lines.

Kirk completed her brace with the game's final goal in the 71st minute. After Favorito forced a turnover in the midfield, she played the ball through to Kirk who was able to loft the ball over a solitary Wann.

After the game against Williams, Middlebury went into its NESCAC quarterfinal feeling confident. However, Wesleyan shocked them just three minutes into the game. After Kerry Doyle sent the ball in Middlebury's box from a free kick, the ball bounced in front of Foody before Isabel Clements was able to control the ball down and place a high shot into the net.

Wesleyan was quiet for the rest of the half as Middlebury pressed for an equalizer. The Panthers applied pressure on Cardinals players, making sure they were given little time on the ball and forced to make mistakes.

Middlebury almost had their breakthrough in the 30th minute as Kirk headed the ball just over the bar from Claire Nishioka's '15 cross. Just minutes later Kirk was again denied a goal after a save from Jessica Tollman.

The Panthers continued to pick up momentum in the second half and created many opportunities, but lacked the finishing touch. The 65th minute marked a golden chance for the team, when Kirk found space on the edge of the box and fired a left-footed strike that rattled the post.

Middlebury also tried to capitalize on their numerous corners throughout the game.

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Football team floored by Trinity in first loss

By Damon Hatheway

The football team's run at a perfect season came screeching to a halt Saturday in Hartford, Conn. where the Panthers (5-1) were mauled 45-7 by Trinity (6-0). With the blowout victory, the Bantams extended their home winning streak to 46 games — the longest such streak in the nation.

The Middlebury offense, which has struggled at times with slow starts this season, never got in rhythm and failed to score in the first half for the first time this season. Quarterback Mac Foote '14 was intercepted on the first two drives of the game and finished the game with a season-low 133 yards as a combination of accuracy issues, drops by his receivers and a dominant Trinity defense resulted in the passer's worst performance in his Middlebury career.

Meanwhile, the defense also floundered. Though the unit had made significant strides after a dismal 2011 season in which they finished last in the league, they returned to dismal form on Saturday, giving up big plays and failing to make tackles. The Trinity offense had their way with a defense that had allowed just 14 points per game entering the day. The Panthers conceded 585 total yards — 385 of which came on the ground. Trinity running backs Evan Bunker and Ben Crick ran roughshod over the Middlebury defense, which allowed a season worst six plays of 20-plus yards, five of which were plays of 40 yards or more.

"The reason why our defense has been so successful is [because] we've really limited big plays," said head coach Bob Ritter. "That's been the biggest difference between our defense this year and last year. And in this game we gave up way too many big plays."

In a game between the NESCAC's final pair of unbeaten teams with heavy implications for

the league title, Trinity left little doubt who the conference's top team is.

The Panthers quickly found themselves in a hole as Trinity kicked a field goal on its opening drive. Then, on Middlebury's first possession of the game — the only time the visitors were within one score — Foote's pass on second-and-five, which was intended for Billy Chapman '13 deflected off the tight end's foot and into the waiting arms of Bantams' linebacker Stephen Goniprow. The Bantams struck quickly on the ensuing drive, scoring on the third play on a 59-yard touchdown pass over the top of the Middlebury secondary. The long catch and run came on third-and-21 after the Panthers sacked Trinity quarterback Ryan Burgess and stopped Crick for a three-yard loss. The score gave the home team a 10-0 lead just seven-and-a-half minutes into the game as the Bantams proceeded to score 31 unanswered points in the first half and the first 38 of the game.

Already trailing by double digits the Middlebury offense managed to move the ball on its second possession, driving into the red zone as part of an 11-play, 51-yard drive. On first-and-10 from the Bantams 19-yard line, however, Foote threw his second interception, this time in the end zone targeting wide receiver Brendan Rankowitz '15 on a deep out route. Instead, Trinity cornerback Nick Campbell broke underneath the route for his second interception of the season.

Crick and Bunker carried the load much of the rest of the way offensively as the two dynamic runners combined for 363 yards of total offense and five touchdowns.

After trailing 31-0 at the half, things only got worse for Middlebury.

Facing a third-and-26 from the team's own 34-yard line, Trinity head coach Jeff Devanney opted to

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